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MANA KNIGHT

I am the boy who wields the sword.
I am the boy who brought
terror to this world.
I seek the courage to set things right,
to rid the world of darkness,
to bring back the light.
My companions and I set off on our quest.
We search new lands, we try our best.
By cannon or dragon, we fly through the
air fighting monsters. Should we try?
Do we dare? We defeat the Emperor,
but it was too late,
The Mana Fortress has risen
and left us to our fate.
The boy that left home
is no longer here
for I am the Mana Knight,
full of courage, without fear.
The sight of the Mana Beast
brought pity to my heart,
but it had to be done
though it nearly tore me apart.
Finally, peace is restored to this world
for now....

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Last summer while in Italy, I was visiting my friends at their grandmother's house in the countryside. It has been a yearly tradition to bake homemade bread there. This year we wanted to try something new. This is our Bread Boy™. I would appreciate it if you would print the picture of our creation along with their names and mine. Their names are: Giorgio and Daniele Mangano from Cefalu, Italy.

DAVID LANCHART
REGO PARK, NY

Looks pretty good. How'd it taste?

I was recently reading Pak Watch (Vol. 66) and on the very first article, about The Lion King, over half the article was spent telling me how superior Super Nintendo is to Genesis. This has also happened in several previous Pak Watches. Don't get me wrong, Super Nintendo is better than Genesis, but I don't need you to remind me in every other issue. Over half of the game review was spent telling me about how Super NES is better than Genesis, too. It says more about that than the game! Would you ask your "Pak Watcher" to please cut this out? I'd rather hear about games than comparisons.

BEN ZELLERS
MADISON, WI

The Donkey Kong Country video was AWESOME! I'm really impressed by the graphics, but everything else looks great, too! I especially thought the host was cool. I hope you have more videos in the future. Oh yeah, the

sneak preview of Killer Instinct at the end was great! Enclosed is a picture of me at Camden Yard in Baltimore, Maryland. I had just received my Super Metroid issue, so I took it with me just in case the game was slow. Keep up the good work and Play It Loud!

DAVID WERNER
BURKE, VA

What happened with all the comics? The comics were one of my favorite parts of your magazine. With all the new games, it should be easy to come up with some good ideas for a comic.

CHRIS RANDOLPH
CLEVELAND, TN

Your question has been asked many times by our readers, Chris. We may introduce a new comic in future issues, but for now, we're concentrating on bringing you the most gaming information.

While I was waiting for Mortal Kombat II to come out, I got bored. So I decided to make my own figures. They are made from old Army figures, hot glue, modeling compound, paper and tons of model paint. I hope you like these enough to put them in a future issue.

PAUL THOMPSON
CLARKSVILLE, IN

Great work, Paul! Very cool. Paul also sent in a photo of Scorpion applying the "finishing touches" to one of his opponents. It was probably Sub-Zero. It was hard to tell ... it looked as if he had suffered a severe meltdown!

A few days ago, I received Donkey Kong Country after waiting for about a month. Nintendo and Super NES are great, but you have to pay attention to other things, too. I received a poor report card and now I can't play my NES or Super NES until after Christmas. This is a note to anyone still in school: put your education first. Those who take this, the longer route will reap their reward.

DAVID RUDMAN
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Good advice, David. It's always best to keep your priorities straight.

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KYLE HEMBREE
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ODE TO NINTENDO

I think that I shall never see
Someone who can pass Level three.
With Goombas and Koopas
and Bob-ombs galore
Of course, there are a whole lot more.
I cannot defeat the Piranha Plant
I just can't seem to, no I can't.
But I'll set it on the Easy Mode
And use my super secret code.
I die on the stage where Mario dives
But I just get 200 lives.
Beat Level 3, ha! I can do it
If I just put my mind to it.
Oh, no! I lost! This is so lame
Want a used Nintendo game?

ZACH SNOW
AGOURA HILLS, CA

WOW! That's what first came to mind when I watched the Donkey Kong Exposed video. The graphics and music totally rock! I'm reserving my copy ASAP. Congratulations are way overdue to the creators of Donkey Kong Country. Job well done!

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MEGA MAN X2™

It's more of the same great Mega Man game play as X follows up his stellar Super NES debut with Mega Man X2. This time, it appears as though Capcom has turned up the heat a little. X2 is a challenging game.

BOSS	USE	GET
Wire Sponge	Mega Buster	Strike Chain
Overdrive Ostrich	Mega Buster	Sonic Slicer
Wheel Gator	Strike Chain	Spin Wheel
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Flame Stag	Bubble Splash	Speed Burner
Morph Moth	Speed Burner	Silk Shot
Magna Centipede	Silk Shot	Magnet Mines
Crystal Snail	Magnet Mines	Crystal Hunter

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WEATHER CONTROL STAGE

You can blow through this stage quickly, but there are a couple of things that you should pick up, namely the 1-Up and the Sub- Tank. A dash is required jump to reach them. You can blow up the four orbs in the stage, but doing so doesn't seem to change anything, so don't worry about them.

HEART TANK GIFT

If ever there was a gift in this game, this has to be it! From the start, go left and jump up the wall. There is a hidden section near the top that hides a Heart Tank. The more heart Tanks you pick up, the better, but this is the easiest one to get .

1-UP & SUB-TANK

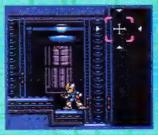
Dash jump up and to the left off of the first moving jet above the spike pit. Jump up the tree and then dash jump over to the right. Pick up the 1-Up and Sub-Tank.

X EQUIPMENT

As X defeats various bosses and acquires new weapons and powers, he'll be able to reach previously inaccessible locations. Dr. Light will appear four times in out-of-the-way areas. There, he'll boost X's options, weaponry and defensive capabilities.

HELMET

Deep down in the Energen Crystal stage, Dr. Light waits for X to show up and claim the Power-Up for his helmet. This Power-Up allows X to locate hidden passages.



BOOTS

If X finds Dr. Light deep inside the Desert Base and enters the capsule, his boots will be greatly enhanced. With them, him can jump and then dash while still in the air. This technique will be invaluable to him.

There are many areas where the mid-air dash will come in handy. It can get you out of tricky situations.

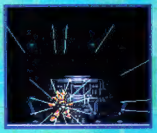
MEGA BUSTER

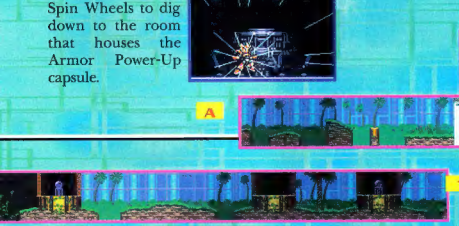
X has to use the mid-air dash technique to reach the Mega Buster Power-Up capsule. He can Power-Up any special weapon he has as well as shoot two powerful Mega Buster shots in a row. It's a must-have item!

Power-Up until X glows red. The first Mega Buster shot is normal. The second shot is extremely wicked!

ARMOR

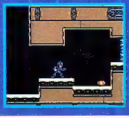
Check the Robot Junkyard map because this one is difficult to find! X has to use a couple of Spin Wheels to dig down to the room that houses the Armor Power-Up capsule.

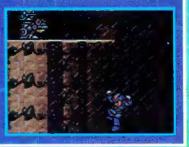




X-HUNTER DOOR

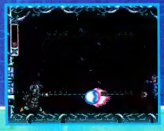
Instead of riding the lift, let it pass and drop down. Move to the right to find the door. It'll open if an X-Hunter is stationed in the room at the time.





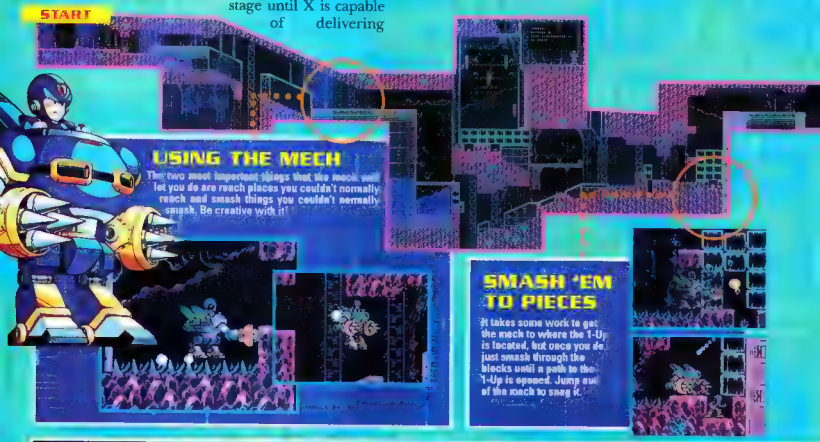
WIRE SPONGE

Charge up a Mega Buster shot as you enter the room, but don't fire it until Wire Sponge throws his weapon out at you. Jump as you blast the Mega Buster so his Wire Attack won't hit you. When he attaches himself to the ceiling, jump up and blast him as many times as you can, but watch out for the stuff he spits out. When one of his shots hits the floor or wall, a pointy growth will appear. Blast it away with a Mega Buster blast. You can't hurt him when he turns red. Just get as far away as possible to avoid the electrical blasts.



ENERGEN CRYSTAL STAGE

Because of the difficult mini-boss that's located at the halfway point of this stage, it's probably best to save this stage until X is capable of delivering enhanced firepower and also capable of withstanding more ferocious attacks.

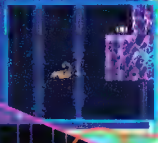


DESERT BASE STAGE

This stage features dangerous rides on hover-bikes and long, treacherous jumps. Real daredevil stuff! Some of the Items are extremely difficult to get in this stage, especially the ones that you have to get while riding on a hover-bike. If your bike blows up, you can go back and get another one.

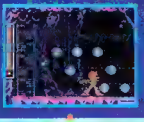
GET THE ENERGY...

After the battle with the mini-boss, you could use some energy. Jump on the blocks as it slides after you and use it as a step to jump to the ledge where the energy is located.



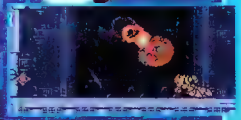
WEAPON POWER-UP

Finish off all of the pesky pets in this room and then Power-Up with Silk Shot. Lots of handy weapon Power-Ups will appear. Cash 'em!



CRYSTAL SNAIL

It's best to attempt the Energen Crystal Stage after you have cleared most of the other stages, especially the Central Computer Stage. Magnet Mines are the weapon of choice to use against Crystal Snail. They seem to do the most damage to the mechanical hermit. And this snail isn't slow! When he starts spinning, get ready to dash out of the way because he'll zoom directly at you. Shoot only when he's out of his shell.



RADAR OPTICS POWER-UP

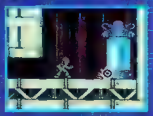
This Power-Up gives X a radar system that locates hidden objects and passages. It locates a hidden passage right after you get it!

HEART TANK

Ride a hover-bike inside the base and jump it up onto the spikes. Getting a Heart Tank usually involves losing a life.

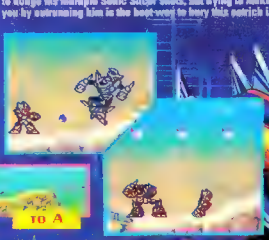
BOOTS

Jump over and slide down to this area after you get Spin Wheel. Saw away the blocks to enter the room and speak with Dr. Light.



OVERDRIVE OSTRICH

He can't fly, but he is fast. He jumps well, too! Overdrive Ostrich will try to jump on top of you. As you see him race along the background and then jump toward you, prepare to dash away, turn, and then fire a Mega Buster blast at him. Dash like a madman in the opposite direction. You may have to dodge his multiple Sonic Slicer shots, but trying to make him jump on you by outrunning him is the best way to bury this ostrich in the sand!



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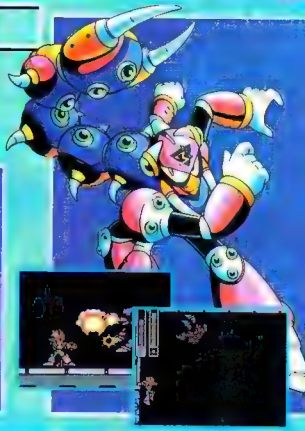
CENTRAL COMPUTER STAGE

The timing of your movements is critical in this stage. In the first section of the stage, it's important not to trip any alarms. Jumps and dashes have to be executed perfectly. Also, toward the end of the stage, reaching the X-Hunter door while avoiding the blocks and targeting system requires extra speed and agility.



GO UP THE CHIMNEY

DINOSAUR TANK STAGE

In general, the Dinosaur Tank Stage isn't very difficult. It should be one of the first stages attempted. You should definitely go through it once X is better equipped to search for secret rooms.

MEGA BUSTER POWER-UP

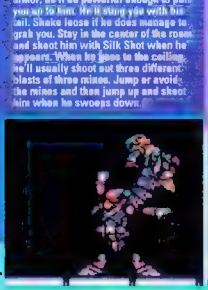
[illegible] walls to make it up this shaft.

HEART TANK

A wall of spikes prevents X from easily obtaining this Heart Tank. Come back to this location after you can Power-Up your Speed Burner.

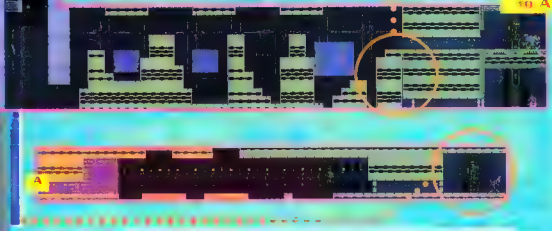
MAGNA CENTIPEDE

The battle with Magna Centipede isn't as overly difficult ape, but it can take quite a while to thoroughly ventilate him. Before enemy his tail, Power Up with Silk Shot. This should take his armor away from him before he gets a chance to use it. If he has his magnetic armor, he'll be powerful enough to pull you up to him. He is stung you with his tail. Shake loose if he does manage to grab you. Stay in the center of the room and shoot him with Silk Shot when he appears. When he goes to the ceiling, he'll usually shoot out three different blasts of three mines. Jump or avoid the mines and then jump up and shoot him when he swoops down.



REACH THE X-HUNTER DOOR

After falling down your shaft in this stage, use wall-jumps and dash jumps to avoid as many of the falling blocks as you can and blaze over to the right. Try to reach the door before the blocks build up.



HIDDEN ENERGY

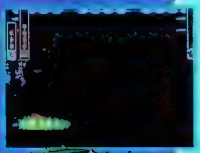
If you go over to the right, there will be three hidden energy. On each step you'll energy capsule X2 as a treat for you before you go to do battle with Wheel Gator.

1-Up & X-HUNTER

Ride the lift all the way to the top of the shaft and then sprint to the left to avoid a 1-Up. Get all the way down now and ride it back up again. To the right is a door that an X-Hunter could be hiding behind.

WHEEL GATOR

For the first part of the battle, Wheel Gator has a nasty function that you must be sticky to. A single Spin Wheel will cost several lives. Climb up the wall and time jump out over the Spin Wheel as it goes past you. Immediately climb the wall again and jump out over the second Spin Wheel that comes your way. Once again, and further yet, climb back up the wall because Wheel Gator will try to jump up and bite you. You need to be at least three-quarters of the way up the wall or he will get you. When he leaps, jump out over him and move to the opposite side of the room. Blast him with Mega Buster shots and avoid the pieces of Spin Wheels that he shoots. If he "pulls" on a wall, it will leave a spike that you can't touch.



Avoid Wheel Gator's Spin Wheels by using the wall to your advantage. Jump over Spin Wheels as they come at you.

ROBOT JUNKYARD STAGE

Visually, there seems to be a lot going on in this stage. The background is very detailed and is often on the verge of being distracting. However, the stage is not very difficult. Check the map and be sure to get the easy 1-Up. Don't let the mini-boss scare you – it'll be a push-over.

START

MINI-BOSS

A parasitic creature controls this large robot. Blast the robot and then blast the creature when it jumps out of the robot's body. You have to blast both bodies twice.

ARMOR POWER-UP

If it wasn't for the map, you'd never know that the Armor Power-Up capsule was located there. Use two Spin Wheels to dig down to it.

1-UP

Before proceeding to the right through the second horizontal section of the Robot Junkyard, dash jump back over to the left to pick up the 1-Up that's just sitting there.

DEEP SEA BASE

There is quite a bit of territory to cover in this mostly-underwater stage. True. But if you know where you're going, it's not so bad. Having the map to this stage will help tremendously. You can destroy the submarine, but don't. See where it goes.

START

HIDDEN HEART TANK

Power up the Bubble Shot in order to leap to the vertically-moving jets. That's the key to getting the Heart Tank in this area. It's not at all easy. In fact, it's extremely hard to do!

A 1-UP

Dash and jump over to the ledge above the 1-Up. Use a Spin Wheel to break the blocks so you can drop down to it.

ENERGY

Be sure to search all underwater areas thoroughly because there may be hidden Energy or weapons capsules.

SUB-TANK

Power up the Bubble Splash to jump up out of the water. When you hit the surface, jump again to reach the ledge.

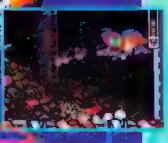
SILK POWER

Whenever you need Energy, this is the place to be. Power-Up Silk Shot to draw in as many Energy capsules as you need. They're free for the taking! No questions asked.

MORPH MOTH

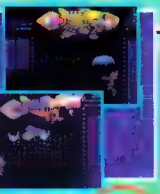
If you have the Speed Burner weapon, you should have no trouble beating Morph Moth. Just jump up and fire a Speed Burner shot at the woolly beast to burn it. If Morph Moth starts spinning out junk in a circular, fan-like pattern, dash in the direction that it's spinning, climb the wall and then dash jump out over Morph Moth. Repeat this process as necessary. Keep trying Morph Moth with Speed Burner even after he turns into a butterfly. Once the moth has morphed, though, you have to change your attack pattern. Dash and shoot works well.

Avoid the butterfly's sparkle shots by dashing out of the way. Climb the walls and shoot Speed Burner shots at it.



X-HUNTER

If you follow the submarine all the way to where it docks, you will have found an X-Hunter door. Of course, to get there you have to jump with the help of a powered-up Bubble Shot.

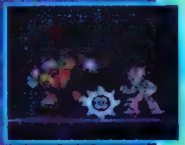


MORE POWER

Besides blasting the electric jellyfish that dot the underwater surroundings to collect Energy, you should be able to find more than enough Power-Ups in hidden areas to keep you going.

BUBBLE CRAB

Honestly, if you have a turbo function on your controller, this is the easiest boss to beat in the entire game. Just fire a constant stream of shots and you'll have no trouble! You can ram through his protective shield in no time flat! If you don't have turbo, you should revert to the conventional way of beating Bubble Crab—with Spin Wheel shots! Spin Wheels do the most of damage to Bubble Crab. Your goal should be to keep Bubble Crab as far away from you as you can. Let the Spin Wheels work their destructive magic on the mechanical crustacean while you stand back and prepare for your next shot.



No one for cracked crab? Apply a Spin Wheel to Bubble Crab's hardened shell to take him out of the game.

VOLCANIC ZONE STAGE

Flame Stag's territory is a challenging stage, especially the erupting volcano section! Uh, that's like, hard. If you don't have the Power-Up for your boots, don't even attempt this stage yet because being able to dash jump is extremely important. The second vertical shaft also requires quite a bit a dash jumping to make it to the top.

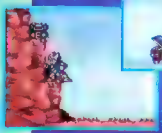
X-HUNTER DOOR

Make the beetle smash open the upper "doorway." It's not easy to get up to that doorway from the outside, but it can be done. Once inside, jump up to the room directly above and then enter the door if an X-Hunter is inside.

A

LURE THE BEETLE

Lure this mechanical beetle to the top of this section by jumping up the wall. If it crashes into a "doorway," it will explode, so don't stop on a doorway. When at the top, get the 1-Up jump on the beetle and dash jump to the left. Grab the Sub-Tank.

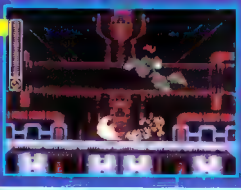


TO A

START

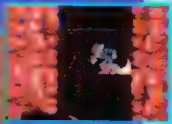
FLAME STAG

Initially, defeating Flame Stag may seem to be a more difficult task than it really is. You can beat him with Powered-Up Mega Buster shots, but if you really want to target him with [illegible] or firepower, use Bubble Splash. He hates that stuff! When he zigzags up the wall, move to the center of the room and wait for him to come back down. Dash out of the way when you see which way he's going to go [illegible] blast him with Bubbles. He'll throw flames at you. You can usually jump the first because it's a straight shot. You can duck or dash away from the second because it will curve upwards so it [illegible] toward you. Use a dash jump when he strucks across the screen. He'll leave a trail of fire that will die out in a few seconds.



VOLCANIC VENTILATION!

You'll have to attempt this section more than once! Don't worry about the 1-Up [illegible] get you. Use dash jumps to get you up the lava tube ahead of the lava. Shoot through the barrier to get the Heart Tank. You'll probably have a [illegible] to get it.

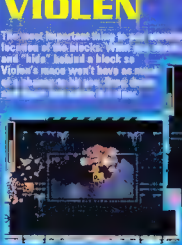


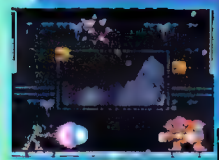
THE X-HUNTERS

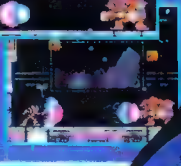
X may have to fight the X-Hunters twice. The first time, during the initial stages, you will fight to regain Zero's body parts. But the second time, the battles are for keeps! Dr. Cain still needs more time to reactivate Zero, so X is sent to the North Pole to battle the baddies. Before fighting the X-Hunters, go back into an earlier stage (like the Deep Sea Base) to fully Power-Up your weapons and energy.

VIOLEN

The most important thing to pay attention to when fighting Violen is the location of the blocks. When you shoot at a block on the floor, Violen and "kids" behind a block so Violen's mace won't have as much of a chance to hit you. Time shots just when he swings his mace.

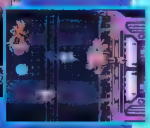






SERGES

When Serges is in his machine the second time you must use blast away the gun turrets with Silk Shot and then blast him directly with Sonic Slicer or powered-up Mega Buster blasts. It's difficult to avoid his shots, so make sure you have your Sub Tanks full of energy.

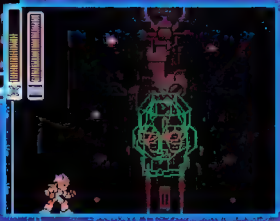


AGILE

When you meet Agile in the first stage, watch the spikes and time our Magnet Missiles while avoiding his various attacks. When the sections begin to fall, remember that there is only one safe spot — right and towards him.

SIGMA RETURNS

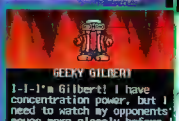
If you remember X's first and his adventure, Sigma was behind all of the Maverick robots and the problems that they brought about. Well, it looks as if Sigma is at it once again. But this time around, things are a little different...it's Neo Sigma! The battle with the wire-frame Neo Sigma at the end is a doozy! You always know that the mostly useless Sigma Shots would come in handy.

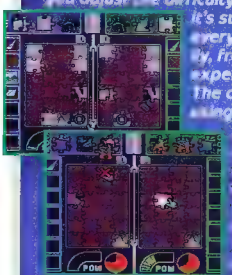


BIG TIME FAMILY FUN!

Super NES

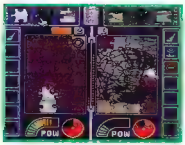
Families have long idled away hours piecing together jigsaw puzzles on their card tables at home. Now Atlus introduces Pieces, a high-tech version of the tried and true pastime, a pastime that's even more fun on the Super NES. It has a variety of play modes and an option that lets you adjust the difficulty level, too, so it's suitable for everyone in the family, from beginner to experienced gamer. The challenge is in using puzzle pieces to create images, and in getting it done faster than your opponent does. Whether you play against the computer or against a friend, Pieces is guaranteed to puzzle for hours on end.





PLAY THE BRAIN!

In the Player vs. Computer Mode, it's an all-out battle of wits, coordination and speed against that seemingly superior player, the Super NES. This Mode is perfect



for the solo player. It is especially appropriate for the player who wants to practice for a future battle against a friend. In this mode, each of your computer opponents will have an animal alter ego with its own unique attributes. The opponent you will face first depends on the difficulty level you choose.

PLAY YOUR BUDDY

Grab a friend and get a piece of the action in the Player vs. Player Mode. The object is the same as it is in the Player vs. Computer Mode: the first player to complete three puzzles is the winner. The difference is that competition can get personal when your opponent is human! Because no two players are alike, Pieces features a handicap option. More skilled players can set their timer speeds on the high side, and beginners can go for slow times. Leveling the playing field is especially helpful when Mom or Dad want to piece together some fun—the kids might wipe them otherwise!

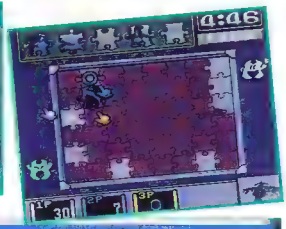
FIVE EASY PIECES

TAKE 2

Jigsaw Mode is the mode to try when more than two players want to shake up the pieces. By using the four-player adapter, up to five friends can play at the same time! There are eight Genres of images to choose from in Jigsaw Mode. You'll piece together pretty pictures like the Leaning Tower of Pisa in the World Genre, a mountain scene in the Land and Sea Genre, a litter of puppies in the Animals Genre, a brontosaurus in the Dinosaur Genre, an F-15 Eagle fighter in the Planes Genre, a tennis player in the Sports Genre and a cartoon figure in the Animation Genre. There are also four different types of games within the Jigsaw Mode. Some are quick to piece together, while others may be serious head scratchers and may require the input of the entire group. Type A is the easiest of the four types. There is a generous eight-minute time limit, and there are no fake pieces thrown in to trick you. Best of all, there is a diagram of the solution to refer to. The only factor left is your speed in piecing the thing together!

Type B is similar to Type A in that it has no fake pieces. The pressure is on, though, because there is a five-minute time limit. Type C is where the milk is really separated from the cream. The time limit is a paltry three minutes, and there are numerous fake pieces thrown into the mix. You never can tell which is which! Type D might be the most difficult type to choose in Jigsaw Mode. There is no time limit, but you're going to need all the time you can spare, as there is no miniature diagram to refer to, and there are fake pieces thrown in regularly. This one is for the experts!

In the Jigsaw Mode, you can check to see how difficult the puzzles will be. Type C is enough to make you fall to pieces!



POWER-UPS

CATCH YOUR PIECES

KIRBY'S DREAM COURSE

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SINK KIRBY

Kirby isn't all hot air—at least not in this unique game that combines elements of golf, pool and action games. Kirby's Dream Course from Nintendo actually consists of eight courses with eight holes on each course. You'll find water hazards, hills, trees and a final hole, just like on a golf course, but you'll also use special skills to jump, warp, fly, stop and turn in ways that golf balls never do. The goal is to sink Kirby in the hole, which is hidden under the final target. Check out our One Shot tips, which show you how to make a Hole-In-One on one hole of each course.

THE STROKES

Use the Demo Mode to learn about ten moves that Kirby can make. This demo also shows how Kirby can pickup special skills from characters like Tornado.

See the most amazing shots in the universe performed before your very eyes along with full instructions

From the most basic commands to the most daring techniques, Kirby's Dream Course explains everything.

TEED-OFF BLOBS

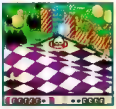
HANDICAP

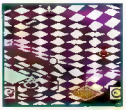
In the two-player mode, you can handicap yourself in several areas to make the game tougher and to even the odds if you're playing someone with less experience. You can reduce the Shot Power, adjust the Guide Length, and change the Marker Speed, which determines backspin and forward spin. Players also roll dice to determine who shoots first.

Set the handicap difficulty for both players before hitting the course.

BATTLING KIRBYS

Each player has one objective—get to the hole first! Plan your shots with cunning to keep your roly-poly opponent away from the hole. Points are awarded for finishing first rather than for the number of shots you take.





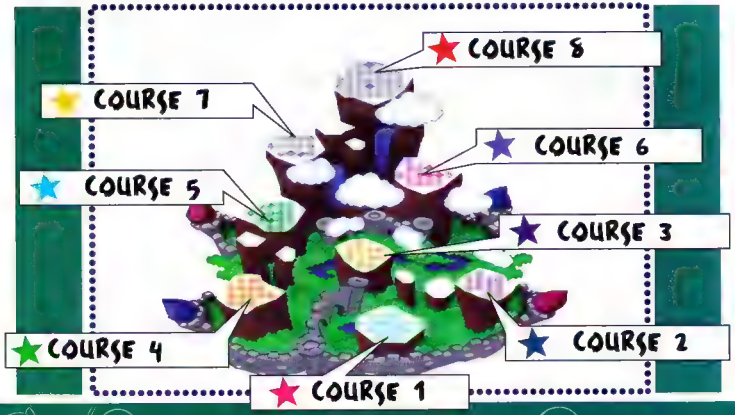
In the two-player mode, both players try to uncover the hole and drop into it first.

A FOURSOME

Challenge other Kirby-duffers on the four courses. Each has different challenges and enemies.

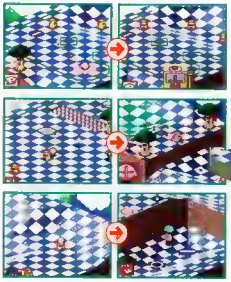
I DREAM OF KIRBY

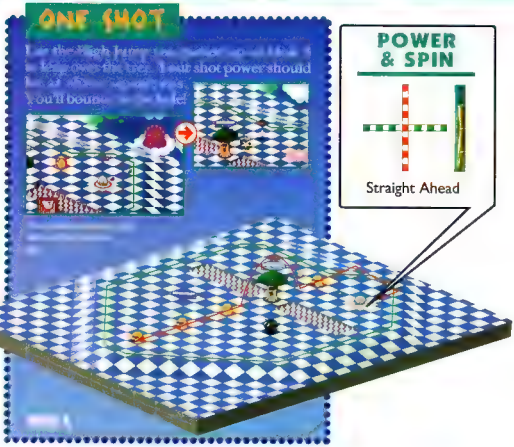
Kirby's challenge is to get the lowest score possible in each of the eight courses. Every hole has secrets, but once you figure them out, you should be able to get great low scores. The battery backed-up memory saves your round and gives you a goal to beat in future rounds. As you progress from one course to the next, expect the challenge to increase.



COURSE 1

Here, you'll have to master bumper shots, jumps, skipping Kirby off a lake and Parasol. Most of the layouts are simple enough that you can see the best shot from the start.

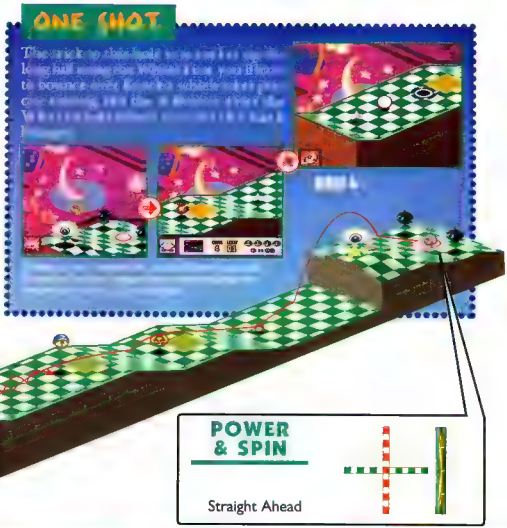




COURSE 2

Spark helps clear out the Whispy Woods while the Wheel keeps you rolling until you hit an object.

Use Kirby's ability to curve to reach the end of Hole 6.



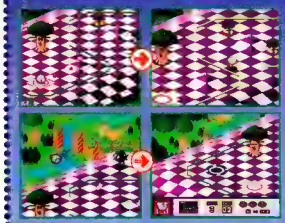
COURSE 3

Prepare yourself to perform fantastic feats of skill in Course 3. The High Jump skill comes in handy. Try to make it in two on most of these holes.

In addition to the High Jump, you'll have to use the Stone to drop from a cushion of air and Freeze to ice over the lake.

ONE SHOT

The critical thing here is get a pink Power Shot so you can reach the point from [illegible]



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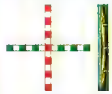

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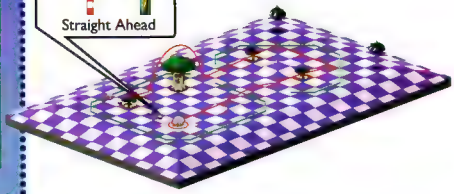


COURSE 4

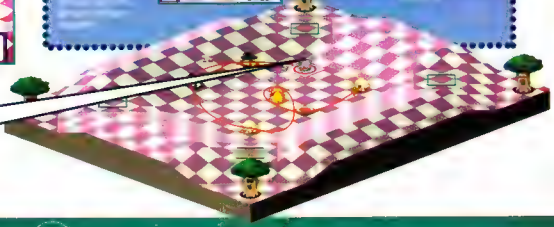
Expect uneven terrain and slopes on Course 4. On some holes, send Kirby on long, curving routes to avoid obstacles. On other holes, you'll have to use Curve Shots or Tornados.

ONE SHOT

The ultimate slice is wha[illegible] through this bowl, but you'll have to [illegible] hole. That requires use [illegible]

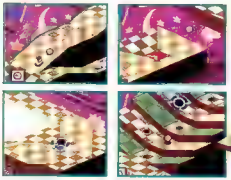
POWER & SPIN

Mid Curve Left

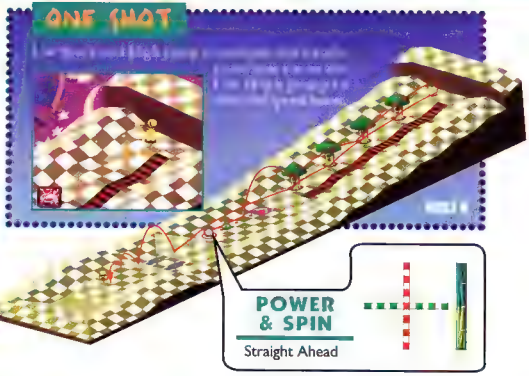


COURSE 5

Expect more multi-level holes that look worse than they are. You'll have to try some fancy moves, as on Hole 7 where you need to begin with a tight, counter-clockwise Curve uphill.

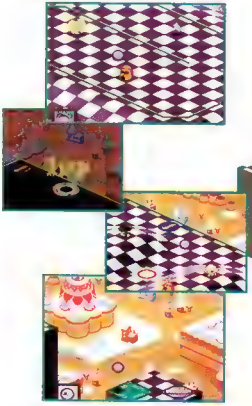


Creative shot-making is required on these

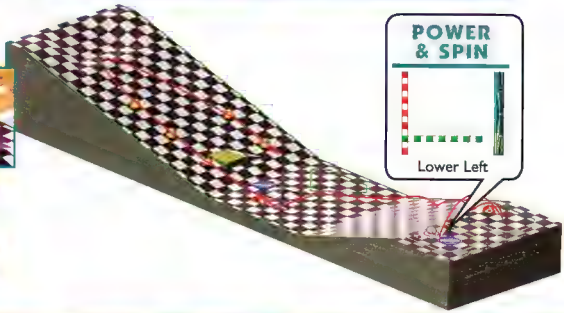


COURSE 6

You'll be bounced and bruised by the end of this course. Use three quarter power to miss the spikes on Hole 3. Hole 5 may be the toughest. Use the Arrows to reach targets.

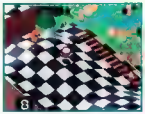


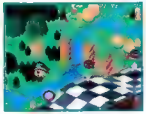
Take the trampoline to the green.



COURSE 7

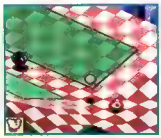
UFOs are real in Kirby's Dream Course. In fact, you can fly them around the course to hit multiple targets. On Hole 3, you'll need a Power Shot to start things off.

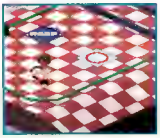




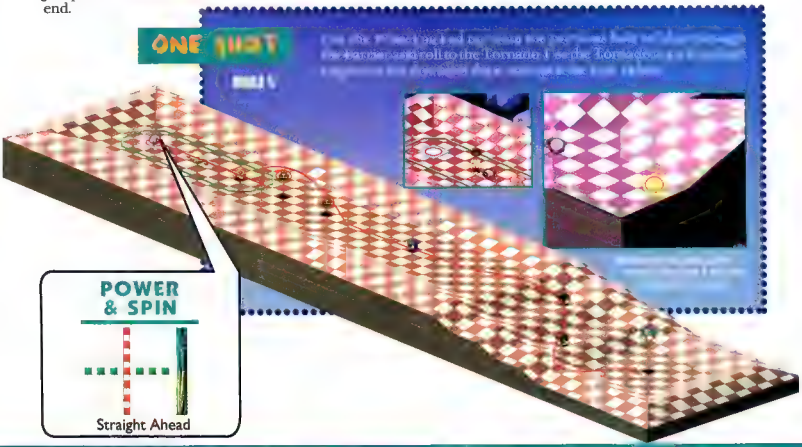
COURSE 8

Don't miss the middle target on Hole 1. Some curved shooting on Hole 4 will get you to the warp on top. And the final hole uses High Jump, Ice and Tornado to reach the end.





Use trampolines and curve shots to get around enemies like these without taking damage.



KIRBY'S AVALANCHE™

WELCOME TO DREAM LAND

After years of flipping vitamins, puzzle game fans are itching for new challenges. Combining classic puzzle action, a whimsical story and innovative strategy, Kirby's Avalanche will please puzzle experts and novices alike. The object is to connect four or more like-colored blobs, vertically or horizontally, to make them disappear. As they did in Dr. Mario, boulders will drop on your opponent if you start a chain reaction. The twist is that the clear boulders disappear only when adjacent blobs are destroyed.

Depending on your mood and skill level, you can play either the practice, player vs. player or competition mode.

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1 PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

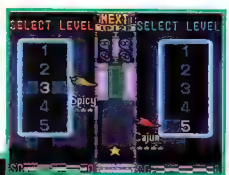
Practice is the only sure-fire way to win at this game, and the training mode lets you explore basic techniques on your own or against a second player. There are no avalanches in this mode, and if you play at the lowest speed, you get hints on which color to clear next. The higher speeds, however, can present a challenge even to experienced puzzlers.

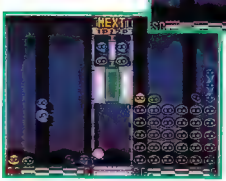
Choose your speed: Mild, Spicy or Cajun. The faster you go, the more bonus points you get. Is it hot enough for you?

Opponents of different skill levels can choose different speeds. Just be sure that you don't get burned!

2 HEAD TO HEAD

Veteran virus crunchers will enjoy this mode. Avalanches are now active, and your success will depend on how well you use and work around them. Once again echoing Dr. Mario, the more blobs you eliminate, the faster more blobs fall. As your blobs and boulders pile up, you'll have to react quickly. Blobs drop through a chute in the upper left corner of the screen. If the chute is blocked, the bottom of the screen collapses, and so do your dreams of victory!





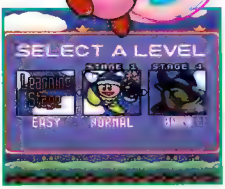
There are now five speed settings and no bonus points for choosing a hotter setting.

Cajun speed is faster in practice mode, but here you start off with a pile of boulders! No blobbin' way!

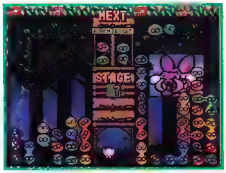
A WALK THROUGH THE FOREST

TAKE 2

Taking characters and settings from Kirby's past exploits, the competition mode sends you on a journey through the forest to the First Annual Dream Land Avalanche Competition. You'll face many computer-controlled challengers on your way to the Dream Fountain, each bent on preventing you from reaching the final contest and winning the coveted Dream Fountain Cup.



You'll have three difficulty levels to choose from. Will you start at the beginning of the journey or jump ahead?

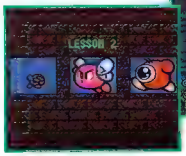


In this mode, there are unlimited continues, which will come in handy as you face tougher and tougher opponents.

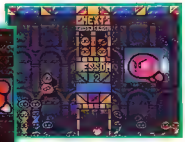
TRAINING

If you need more practice, try the Learning Stage. It gives you the thrill of full competition mode complete with avalanches but pits you against less skilled opponents. This is the ideal place to perfect your chain reaction technique.

The Learning Stage has only three levels, and it does not lead you to the Dream Fountain.



These guys aren't so tough, so you can take some time to plan your strategy.

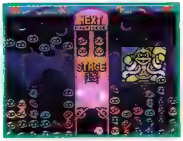


Don't get overconfident, though, or you may find your choices suddenly limited by an avalanche of pesky boulders!

TO THE DREAM FOUNTAIN

When you're ready to go for the gold, choose the Normal or Hard Level. Normal starts you at the beginning of the journey, while Hard takes you to a point farther up the forest path.

He may look harmless, but Broom Hatter will sweep you off your feet and out of the competition!

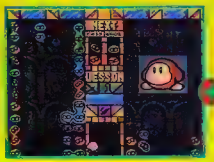


If you survive the trip to the Fountain, King Dedede will challenge you to a final duel. Caution: Falling Rocks!

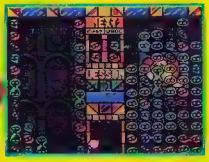
POWER-UPS

STYLISH STACKIN'

Here's a hot tip that will help in the later stages: stack blobs up the sides of the play field, not along the bottom. Even if you have only part of a group, chances are good that a matching blob will appear before a pair or triple is completely blocked.



Stacking blobs on the sides of the screen will help keep your options open for multiple matches and chain reactions.



Dropping boulders on your opponent prevents him from making matches. It looks like the bottom is about to drop out from under this guy!

Disney's

THE LION KING

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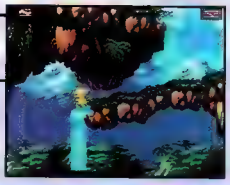
PART 2 This month we'll lead you on a safari through the second part of Disney's The Lion King, from Virgin Games. Last month, we took you through Simba's early years, when life was little more than a frolic for the young cat. Now, as life's challenges become greater, the king-to-be gets older and, with any luck, wiser.

STAGE 6
HAKUNA MATATA



Hakuna Matata is more than a stage—it's a way of thinking. It's a problem-free philosophy that Simba learns about from a couple of jungle pals. This stage isn't exactly problem free, though. There are poisonous toads and spiders, so give them a wide berth and pounce only at opportune moments. There are lots of levels to explore—search them carefully for treasures.

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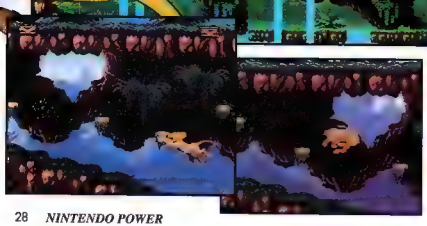
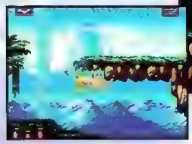


1 SIMBA'S SWINGING

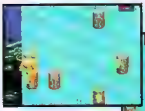
As you work your way back up to the upper levels, you'll come to a place where you must swing from ledge to ledge. Time your swings and catches carefully. If you fall, you'll be swept away by the river that runs below the ledges, and you'll have to climb back up to try again.

2 SHORTCUT

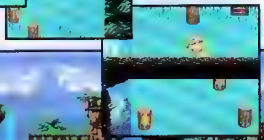


Hold Right on the Control Pad and jump from here. The river you land in leads to a shortcut.

3 LOG ROLLING



At this point, you'll have to jump across the waterfall using the falling logs as stepping stones. Try to land on the slow-moving logs as you work your way to the bridge above.



SHORTCUT

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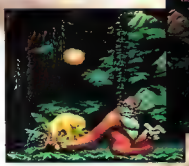
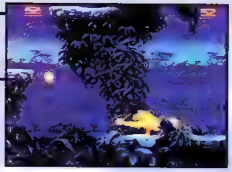
4 GO APE

Before you can exit the Hakuna Matata stage, you'll have to beat a big ape. Don't approach him while he's eating. Wait until he tosses some boulders at you, then pounce on the grouchy gorilla. Be patient. Attack only when it's safe to do so.

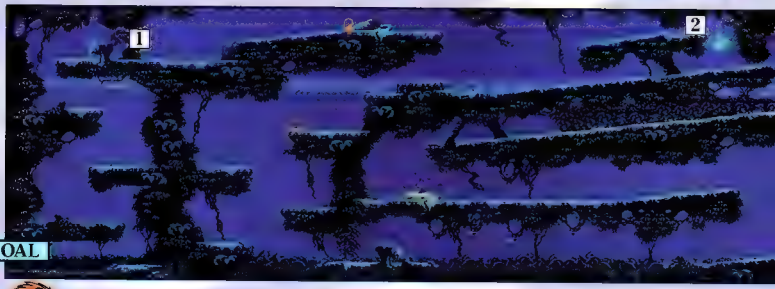


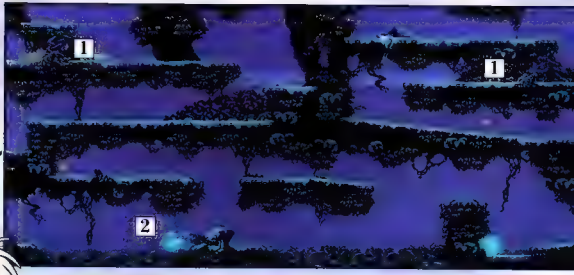
STAGE 7

SIMBA'S DESTINY



After defeating the Ape in Hakuna Matata, Simba grows into an adult lion, ready to test new skills against increasingly fierce enemies. Now Simba has two attacks: he can slash with a single paw, and he can rise on his hind legs and claw with both front feet. Both are powerful.



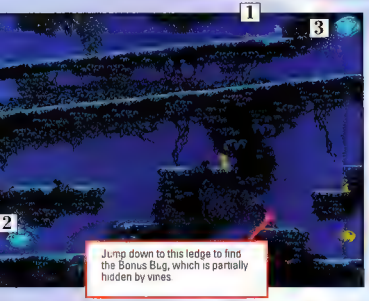


1 LEOPARDS

Packs of leopards attacks one right after the other, but you can beat them all without suffering any damage. Stand still and slash with one paw repeatedly. You can also throw them, but it's more risky

2 ROCK 'N' ROLL

In several places, you'll have to claw through vines in order to continue, and in others, you'll have to claw through vines that hold giant boulders in place. Stay clear of the boulders until they come to a rest. Most of them will land in very helpful places, allowing you to either cross patches of thorns or reach high ledges.



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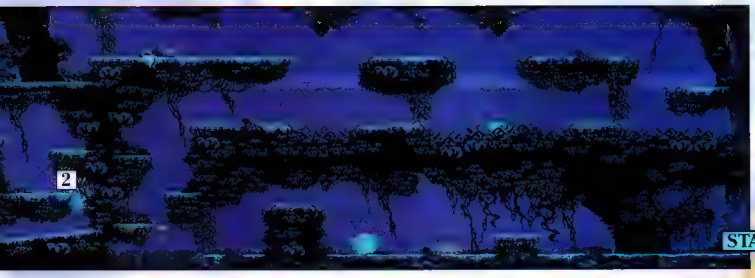
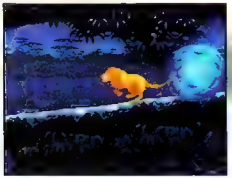


3 ROLLING STONE

When you trot under this big stone, it will drop and follow you down the hill. Hold Left on the Control Pad and run off the end of the ledge so you won't be flattened by the rolling stone.

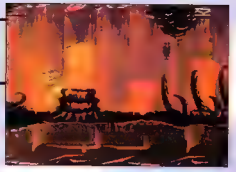


4 MORE ROAR POWER

Be sure to search out the power-up at this point. Picking it up adds to Simba's Roar Meter. It's worth the effort—after all, the king of the jungle needs a powerful roar.

STAGE 8

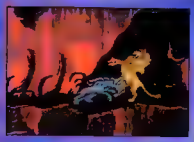
BE PREPARED



Stage 8 takes Simba into a cave, where his new abilities will truly be put to the test. Exploding fountains of lava, bats that swoop from the ceiling to attack, and packs of leopards that pounce en masse make exploring the cave risky business. It's the most difficult stage yet.

PACK ATTACK

from the hyenas' foaming mouths



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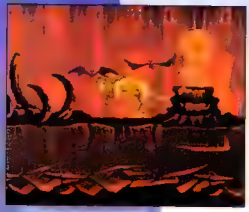

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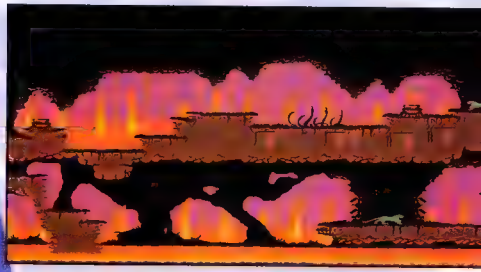
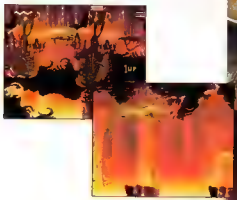
fight, so nail them while they're still hanging from the ceiling.



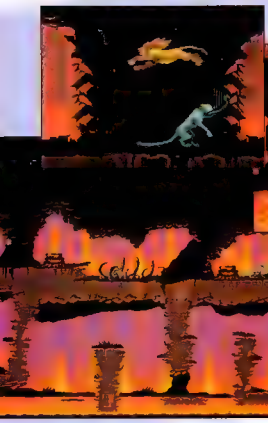
1 DROP THE ROCK

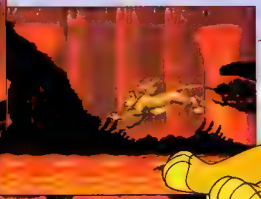
Jump and slash at the triangular rock overhead. When you strike it three times, it will fall and break a hole in the ground. You can go through the opening and decide whether to go left or right. Take the left route



2 FIGHT OR FLIGHT?

Don't stop to fight. You have a limited amount of time to reach the log that will carry you over the lava pool. If you stop to fight, you'll miss it.





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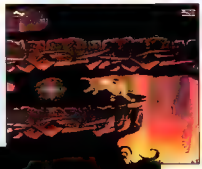
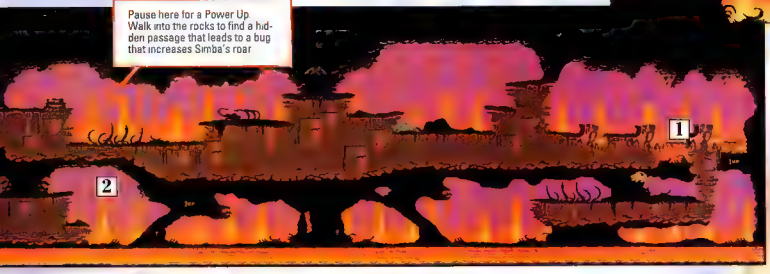
3 RUN FOR IT!

You'll have to outrun another rolling stone here. Hold Right on the Control Pad and go.

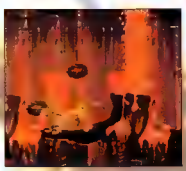


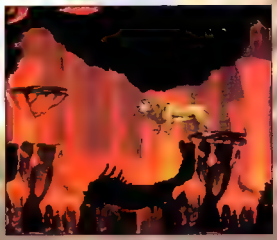
Pause here for a Power Up. Walk into the rocks to find a hidden passage that leads to a bug that increases Simba's roar



4 WAIT AND WATCH

If you hurry to the left, you'll be pounded by falling boulders. Stand on the ledge, wait for the boulders to fall, then hurry to the left before the next rock falls.





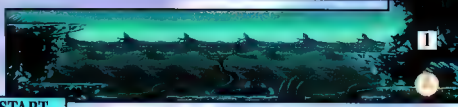
STAGE 9

SIMBA'S RETURN

Stage 9 is a series of caves, and it's easy to lose track of which ones lead where. There are hyenas hiding at every turn, so it's not easy to survive long enough to reach the exit. There are a couple of 1-Ups to find, as well as Power-Up Beetles that replenish your energy.

THE FAST TRACK

If you don't want to take the time to find the power-ups in this region, you can cut to the chase by taking the most direct route to the stage's main enemy. Enter the last cave on the right and work your way through the pack of hyenas to the end. There is no mid-stage Continue, so find all of the Power-Up Beetles on the route.



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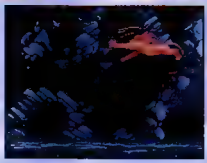
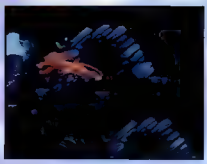
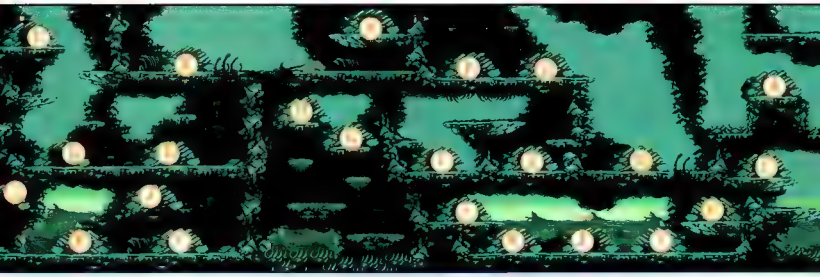




You can see some caves on the upper level. Try as you might, you won't be able to jump up to them. You're not missing anything, though, they're just exits.

2 EXTEND YOUR LIFE

Enter the second cave and fight your way past the hyenas to this area. Walk all the way to the right, behind the rocks, to find a power-up that extends your Life Meter



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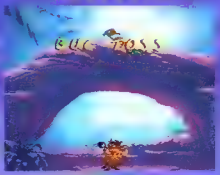
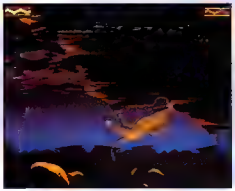


BUG HUNT: I, II & III

STAGE 10

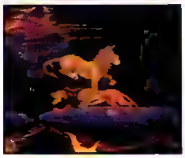
PRIDE ROCK

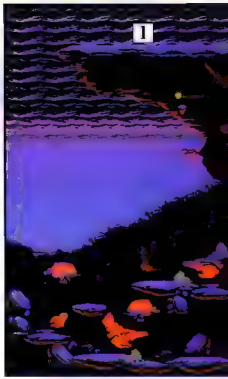
It's time for Simba to prove that he's worthy to take the throne as king of the jungle, and Pride Rock is the proving ground. Of course, his old nemesis, Uncle Scar, is also out to prove something, too. If Simba is to dethrone him, he's in for the fight of his life.

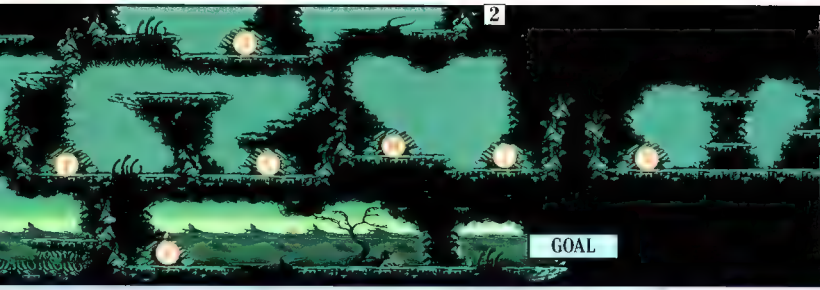


1 SPAR WITH SCAR

You'll meet up with Scar more than once. Your one-paw Slash will keep him at bay, but it won't hurt him. You'll have to throw him to cause damage, and he's dangerous in close quarters







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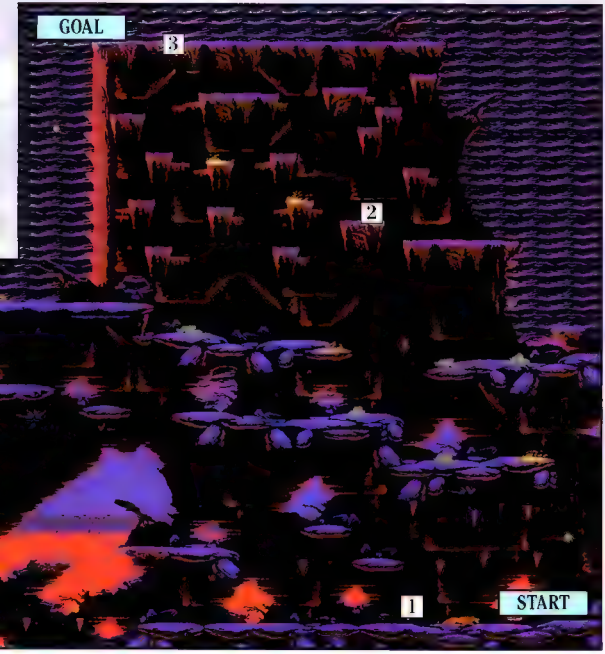

2 THUNDER

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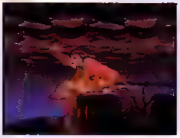
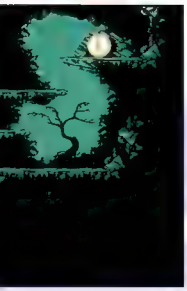


The last time you meet Scar, it will be a fight to the finish. If Simba is to assume the throne, and shoulder the responsibilities that come with it, he must prove his strength and valor in battle. As an opponent, Scar is a most worthy adversary.



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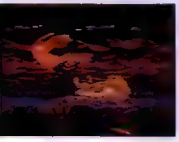

THE MAKING OF LION KING

DISNEY ANIMATORS AND VIRGIN GAMES TEAM UP TO CREATE A CLASSIC

Virgin Games' Westwood Studios teamed with Disney animators to capture Disney magic in their Lion King video game.

Virgin Games and Disney broke new ground with the simultaneous release of Lion King, the animated movie, and Lion King, the video game. For the first time, a game was released while the movie was still playing in theaters. While Disney created the movie, Virgin's Westwood Studios was using the same story line to produce its game. All of the characters and all of the graphics were hand-drawn, one at a time, by Disney Animators, and some of Simba's actions required as many as 50 drawings. In all, Disney produced 2,000 frames of animation for the game. After Disney perfected the frames, they were sent to Westwood Studios, where their artists scanned them into their computers and colorized and sized them to fit into the game. Using Disney animators, and animators who actually produced artwork for the movie, helped Westwood capture the lively animation that makes the movie so appealing. They were able to capture the distinct personalities of the characters. Disney animators were also excited about working on a video game. Chuck Williams, Production Specialist at Walt Disney Feature Animation, commented on his experience. "What's exciting about working on a video game is that it gives the player a chance to become Simba—not only to see the character on a big screen in the film but to play him in the environment that is so much like the film's—to act out Simba's role in the video game just like it is in the movie..." And as exciting as it was for everyone involved in the production of the game, it's going to be even more exciting for players to assume the role of the king of the jungle.

Westwood took the scanned images, colorized them, and sized them to fit into the game.

Disney animators created detailed backgrounds that were then scanned into computers by Westwood studios.

Disney Production Specialist Chuck Williams found it exciting to work on a game that would let players control Simba within an environment like the movie's.

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WHAT IT TAKES TO WEAR THE BELT

BASIC TACTICS

There are only so many punches you can throw in this game. It's the way in which you combine your punching options that determines whether or not you will be victorious in the ring.

GOOD DEFENSE

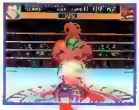
"The best offense is a good defense." You've heard that one before, right? Well, a good defense isn't your best offense in this game, but it is crucial. Learn when and how to block and/or dodge punches.

QUICK LEFT JABS

Besides a Knockout Punch, the left jab is the best punch that you have. It's the quickest attack. Whether used alone or in conjunction with other punches, the left jab will be the one that you come back to again and again. Experiment with holding the Button down.

HIT LIMIT

Depending upon your opponent, there are only so many punches that you will be able to throw and land during a single flurry of flying fists. Some opponents leave themselves open to more hits if you throw left/right combinations at them. Some are more susceptible to jab/body blow combos. You'll often find yourself waiting for your opponent to make a move. When he does, be ready to take advantage of the position that he's let himself get into.



KNOCKOUT PUNCHES

When you have landed enough punches to fill your Power Meter and the "S" flashes in the bottom left corner of the screen, you can throw a Knockout Punch. It's very powerful and can penetrate an opponent's block.

HOW TO ENTER THE SPECIAL CIRCUIT

As you fight your way up through the Super Punch-Out!! ranks, the game keeps track of your win/loss record. Your goal is to lose as few fights as possible. In fact, in order to enter the Super Punch-Out!! Special Circuit, you have to complete the Minor, Major and World Circuits without losing a single bout! Once you've had a chance to tangle with the initial twelve boxers, begin a new game with the intent of not losing any bouts. Remember that zero losses gets you to Narcis Prince, Hoy Quarlow and the Bruiser Broo

(Only the best boxers will even be in you to enter) Only the best boxers will even from the Special Circuit without serious damage.

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MINOR CIRCUIT

GABBY JAY

Gabby's only win came against Glass Joe. Remember him? If you have trouble with Gabby, you're hurtin'.

COUNTRY	FRANCE
AGE	56
WEIGHT	110 lbs
RECORD	1-99

GABBY'S JAB

Gabby Jay telegraphs all of his punches. In other words, you can see them coming far in advance. That's why he hardly ever wins.

HOP, SKIP & A HOOK

When you throw rapid punches, it will frustrate Gabby. He'll back up, shout "C'mon, c'mon" and charge in at you. Dodge to the left to avoid his uppercut and then let him have it with all you've got. It's the perfect time to throw a Knockout Punch.

QUICK KO!

NP RECORD: 6.64 seconds

Nail Gabby Jay with five left jabs and then come back with two right jabs. If all of the punches land, they should be enough to max out your Power Meter. Tag Gabby with a Super Uppercut. He'll stagger around. When he comes back into position, lambaste him again with a Super Hook. This combination of punches will send Gabby Jay to the locker room. If you are going to go for the quickest KO that you can get, follow the instructions and defeat them in these QUICK KO! sections. Some of the Sectors make random moves, so the best course of action is to memorize the KO, follow these steps, succeed or fail, and try it again.

MINOR CIRCUIT

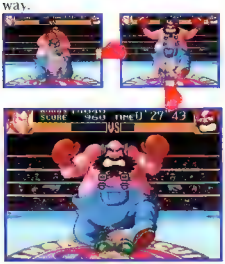
BEAR HUGGER

This big beast looks much like the animals that he beat up routinely in the forests of central Canada.

COUNTRY	CANADA
AGE	32
WEIGHT	440 lbs
RECORD	17-12

BEAR CLAP

Avoid Bear Hugger's overhead Bear Clap by ducking out of the way.



HIT HIS FACE

Hitting Bear Hugger in the gut does no good. It obviously won't hurt him. Concentrate on his hairy face!

QUICK KO!

NP RECORD: 17.71 seconds

Immediately tap Bear Hugger's gloves with a jab then duck when he offers up his overhead Bear Clap. Come right back at him with five left jabs. Repeat this process until you have built up to a Knockout Punch. Give him Rapid Super Uppercuts until his corner tells him to attack. Block his jab, then counter with a right jab and let him have two more Super Uppercuts. He should be dizzy now! As he moves [illegible]

MINOR CIRCUIT

PISTON HURRICANE

Piston Hurricane thinks he's better than he really is, but his face hits the canvas with the best of 'em!

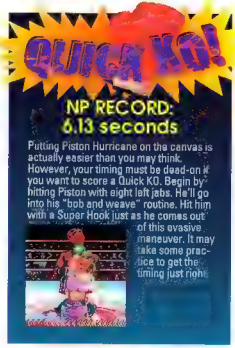
COUNTRY	CUBA
AGE	25
WEIGHT	175 lbs
RECORD	21-0

FANCY FOOTWORK

Piston Hurricane is notorious for his excellent footwork. His lateral moves are outstanding. Your punch timing will be especially critical.

PISTON PUNCH

Piston backs off and then moves in from your right. He throws a barrage of high and low punches that you have to block. When he pauses, move out of the way because he'll throw a huge uppercut. By this time, he'll be tired, so lay into him with all you've got!



MINOR CIRCUIT

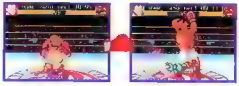
BALD BULL

Bald Bull's infamous Bull Charge is by far his best move. And, ironically, it can also be his downfall.

COUNTRY	TURKEY
AGE	36
WEIGHT	240 lbs
RECORD	34-19

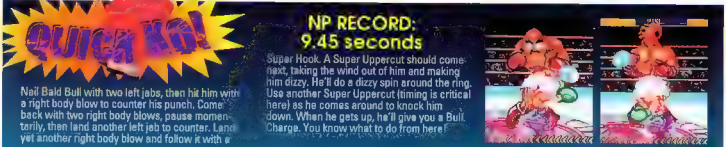
UPPERCUT

Bald Bull squats down before he throws his uppercut. Move out of the way!



THE BULL CHARGE!

If Bald Bull manages to land the punch that finishes up his Bull Charge, you'll be smooching the canvas. What you need to do to counter this move is to land a body blow as Bald Bull gets close to you. Hit him just before his last hop.



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MAJOR CIRCUIT

BOB CHARLIE

Bob's flamboyant style has gotten him far in the world of boxing. Not far enough, though.

COUNTRY	JAMAICA
AGE	26
WEIGHT	140 lbs
RECORD	23-13

BASIC BOXING WITH BOB

Like Piston Hurricane, Bob Charlie likes to use fancy footwork. He bobs right, sets up, then throws left and right punches as well as a big uppercut. Your best moves to counter are to dodge left or right and punch back.

UPPERCUT OPENINGS

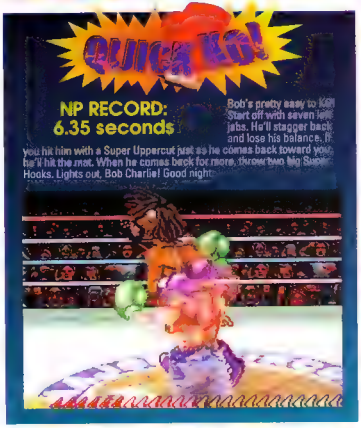
Check the position of Bob's jaw as he throws one of his uppercut punches. It looks like a prime place for you to apply powerful punches! Counter punches play an extremely important role from here on out.

SHUCK 'N' JIVE

When Bob's corner tells him to shuck 'n' jive, Bob turns up the heat. He throws a few different punches. You have to be quick with your blocks and dodges.

JIVE SOME MORE

When Bob moves to the back of the ring and crouches down, you can bet that he's going to come at you with one of his best moves: a spinning roundhouse uppercut. Just as Bob's timing has to be right on for him to land it, your timing must be exact to counter it. Dodge to the side when he swings around for the final time.



MAJOR CIRCUIT

DRAGON CHAN

Dragon Chan dishes out some wild attacks, but once you figure him out, he isn't much of a defensive wizard.

COUNTRY	HONG KONG
AGE	22
WEIGHT	130 lbs
RECORD	15-7

HE'S ALL OFFENSE

As a general rule, counter punching against Dragon Chan works wonders. If you can hit him at the right time, he won't be able to block your punching raids.

HEAL STOPPER

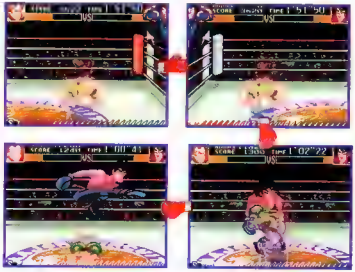
From Chan's corner comes a message telling him to heal himself. Reacting to it, Chan takes a short break to "recharge" his energy level. You can put a stop to it with a well-placed blow to his chin.

TRIPLE KICK

One of Chan's most potent attacks is a triple kick. What you need to do to counter this move is to dodge left or right and then paste him with a body blow after he misses with the third kick.

DRAGON FLY KICK

Chan can hop on top of the ropes and fly across the ring. He's agile! As he approaches you, he may deliver a high-impact kick to your face. Duck to avoid being kicked, then deliver a body blow when he stops.



QUICK KO!

Open with a left jab and then deliver a right jab to counter Chan's punch. Follow this combo with two right body blows. Offer up another right jab to counter, then apply two right body blows again.

NP RECORD: 10.47 seconds

Next comes a left body blow to counter his punch, then a right body blow followed by a Super Hook. When he gets up, he will either begin a series of kicks or try to heal himself. Deliver a Super Uppercut before he has a chance to heal. Excellent timing with the left punch is crucial!

MAJOR CIRCUIT

MASKED MUSCLE

Masked Muscle's boxing style is basic, but he's got some moves that can only be seen as "cheap shots."

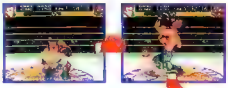
COUNTRY	MEXICO
AGE	29
WEIGHT	240 lbs
RECORD	19-5

BEHIND THE MASK

Left/right combos are a Masked Muscle specialty. He's got good uppercut moves, too. Remember to dodge and counter while fighting him.

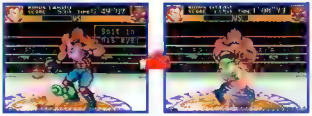
UPPERCUTS

After Muscle crouches deeply, he will throw a huge uppercut. Dodge to the side when he crouches.



VENOM SPRAY

Masked Muscle's corner advises him to spit in your eyes, which partially blinds you for a while. Duck to avoid it and then unload on him with a body blow.



MUSCLER

The best thing to do to stop an onslaught of Muscle's punches is to counter with a punch or punches that take your opponent out of his pattern. If you don't feel very threatened by the power of a certain punch, you can just block it, depending on where it's thrown. Block high and low against Masked Muscle's combo.

KING COBRA

When you see Masked Muscle rear back, he's bound to launch at you with a cheap shot head butt. It's a bit difficult to time your dodge move correctly, but if he misses with the head butt, you can land a body blow.

QUICK KO!

NP RECORD: 7.82 seconds

Open with four left jabs, then apply a right body blow to counter Masked Muscle's left hook. Next, throw two left jabs, then a Super Hook. He falls and quickly returns to his feet. Throw a Super Uppercut and finish off the fight with a Super Hook.

Since you should be between round Super Hook. This will knock him to the canvas. When he gets up again, throw a Super Uppercut and finish off the fight with a Super Hook.

MAJOR CIRCUIT

MR. SANDMAN

Determined to stay even-tempered, Mr. Sandman can't help but be upset when you try to claim his belt.

COUNTRY	U.S.A.
AGE	20
WEIGHT	270 lbs
RECORD	28-4

SANDMAN SHUFFLE

Mr. Sandman has a "classic" boxing style. He doesn't really throw any "sucker" punches, but he will try to fool you by changing his timing. One of his favorite things to do is to turn his body and pause briefly before throwing a big hook.

MONSTER UPPERCUT

Mr. Sandman's uppercut move is huge! It's pretty fast, but he does pause a bit when he crouches. If you dodge and make him miss, you'll see his big chin just hanging out there, waiting for you to blast it with a jab.

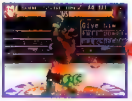
QUICK KO!

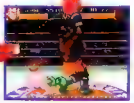
NP RECORD: 19.50 seconds

Begin the bout with two left jabs, then follow with a right jab. Next, land two more left jabs. Counter with a right jab, one left jab, then a Super Hook. Deliver a Super Uppercut as he comes toward you to put him down. When he gets up, apply two left jabs, then one right jab to counter, then another Super Hook to knock him down again. "Have 'em full power, Champ," will come from his corner. Counter his punch with a left jab, then give him a right body blow followed by a Super Hook. Dodge his Midnight Sleeper move and then nail him with two right body blows and a Super Hook to finish him off.

MIDNIGHT SLEEPER

If you find yourself gaining the upper hand (or glove) in a match with Mr. Sandman, you'll see that his corner man is telling him to get with the program. One of his best moves at this point is to throw a triple uppercut combination. He unloads with a left, right, left combination of jaw-busting punches. Dodge appropriately to the right, left and right to make him miss with all three.





STRONG ARM

Strong Arm move is fast and devastating. Mr. Sandman has put many unsuspecting challengers down with this move. He throws two "light" left jabs and follows with a monster right jab. You can block the first two by holding your gloves up, but you have to duck out of the way of the third.

WORLD CIRCUIT

ARAN RYAN

A boxer who relies on finesse, Aran Ryan is dealing with his aggressions the only way he knows how.

COUNTRY	IRELAND
AGE	23
WEIGHT	160 lbs
RECORD	18-10

ARAN'S JAB

You can dodge Ryan's jab, but to get the best of him, try to counter it with a jab of your own before he has a chance to throw it. He moves his gloves in a specific pattern before he throws a jab.

ST. PAT'S JIG

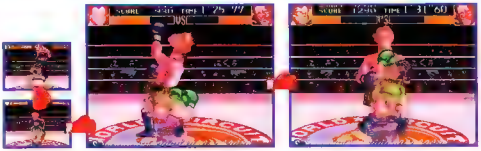
This move can throw your timing off. Ryan moves left and hops back to his right. He then throws a hook. Just dodge his hook and then come right back with a jab.

CLINCHER

After you've been going at it with Ryan for a while, his corner yells at him to grab you. When this happens, Ryan gives a little head fake, then he comes straight for you and grabs your head. He'll shake you around a bit and throw you to the left. You can shake out of his grasp, but better advice is to dodge it altogether! If you can throw a Super punch, do so to back him off before he grabs you.

IRISH CREAM

Ryan's Irish Cream attack is reminiscent of Piston Hurricane's Piston Punch, except it's much more intense! He'll come at you and throw high/low, left/right jabs and then follow them with a big left uppercut. Block the jabs and sidestep the uppercut.



QUICK KO!

You'll need precise timing and practice to deliver a Quick KO to Aran Ryan. Begin with two left jabs, hesitate (ever-so-slightly) and deliver two more left jabs. Ryan will sidestep to the left. Quickly apply four left jabs to dizzy him. Give him a Super Hook as he comes around and clutches his gut. He should fall. When he gets up, counter with a right jab then a Super Hook. When he initiates the battle again, he'll momentarily put up his gloves. Just as he does this, deliver another Super Hook to put him back down. When he gets up, a Super Uppercut should do him in.

NP RECORD: 11.15 seconds

WORLD CIRCUIT

HEIKE KAGERO

The slender man from Japan with the long, dangerous tresses has plenty of sly moves to throw your way.

COUNTRY	JAPAN
AGE	19
WEIGHT	120 lbs
RECORD	14-8

KAGERO CROSS

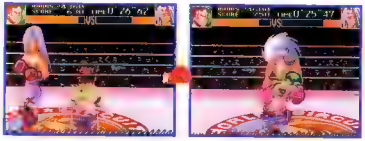
You may think that Kagero is going to throw a single jab, but no. He can throw several. Another move he likes is to throw a left jab and follow it with a right hook. Try to get a jab in between his punches.

HAIR WHIP

Kagero gives a clue when he's going to do the Hair Whip. He holds his gloves a certain way. His hair whips around twice. Dodge left on first whip, then duck on second. Deliver a jab or Super Uppercut at this point.

MIRAGE DANCE

Kagero flashes and moves left and right ultra-fast. When he stops, deliver a body blow before he can punch you.



AFTER THE DANCE

After the Mirage Dance, Kagero hops left, right, delivers a 3-jab combo, then comes in with a right hook.

CROSS UPPERCUT

Immediately after Kagero gets up off the canvas, he'll throw a right hook. Look for it, dodge to the left, then come back with a left jab to his face.

QUICK KO!

Open with six left jabs and then a right jab or counter. Your Power Meter should be full at this time. Deliver a Super Hook and follow it with another Super Hook when he comes into position. This knocks him into the back turnbuckle and down to the floor. When he gets up, he will start to throw an uppercut. Counter it with a left body blow. At this point, he'll be stunned. Throw a Super Hook, then wait for his right hook and counter it with a left body blow. While he's stunned again, throw a right body blow and then a Super Hook to knock him down. When he gets up, throw a left body blow and a Super Hook to finish him off.

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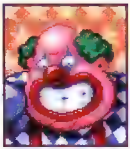


WORLD CIRCUIT

MAD CLOWN

Mad Clown is seriously underrated! He's one of the most difficult boxers to defeat in the whole game.

COUNTRY	ITALY
AGE	27
WEIGHT	370 lbs
RECORD	17-9

NO BODY BLOWS

Don't waste your time trying to hurt Mad Clown with body blows. He's too fat! The fact that he is affected only by blows to the face makes the battle more difficult.

MAD BACKHAND

You may think it's an uppercut that missed, but Mad Clown comes right back with a quick, sweeping backhand punch. Duck! You don't want to be on the receiving end of this one!

SHOW TIME!

After you've knocked him down twice, Mad Clown goes nuts! His Show Time move involves throwing three left jabs followed by a right hook. After that, he pulls out everything in the book! To stop the Show Time riot act, deliver a left jab to his chin just as he is getting up from the second knockdown. Follow it with a Super Uppercut.

BIG TOPPER

Mad Clown moves his head from side to side before he does the Big Topper. He'll try to grab your head with both gloves and put the hurt on you that way. If he does grab you, shake out of it and avoid his uppercut.

JUGGLING ACT

When Mad Clown does back flips, he'll break out the juggling balls and then toss them at you. Dodge the balls and duck the Big Topper move that he tries to follow up with. Retaliate with a jab.

QUICK KO!

NP RECORD: 9.84 seconds

Throw three left jabs and then a right jab to counter. Follow that with two left jabs and a Super Uppercut to knock him down. When he gets up, throw a right jab to counter, a left jab and then another Super Uppercut for the second knockdown. He'll go into his Show Time act at this point. To short circuit this move, immediately deliver a right jab. This should stun him. Follow it, and end it, with a Super Uppercut. Mad Clown has many [illegible] try it again.

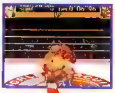
WORLD CIRCUIT

SUPER MACHOMAN

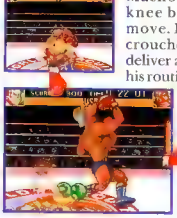
Moderation not being his strong suit, Super Machoman strives to get a total workout...even while he's boxing!

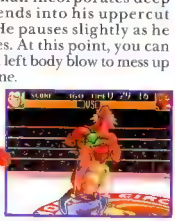
COUNTRY	U.S.A.
AGE	28
WEIGHT	230 lbs
RECORD	29-3

MACHO UPPERCUT



Machoman incorporates deep knee bends into his uppercut move. He pauses slightly as he crouches. At this point, you can deliver a left body blow to mess up his routine.



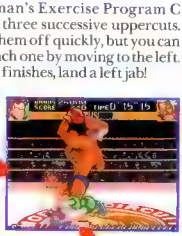


JAB & UPPERCUT

Some of Super Machoman's moves appear to have no meaning or use. That's not the case with this combo. Block his low punch, block his high jab, then dodge his left uppercut.

EXERCISE PROGRAM C

Machoman's Exercise Program C involves three successive uppercuts. He rips them off quickly, but you can dodge each one by moving to the left. After he finishes, land a left jab!



SUPER SPIN PUNCH

This is Machoman's most famous move! He can spin around many times in a row. You just have to duck. He'll be more vulnerable when he stops.

QUICK HIT!

Deliver a left jab to open the fight and follow it with a right jab to counter his left. To put him down for the first time, score two left jabs, one right jab, two left jabs, a left body blow

NP RECORD: 17.03 seconds

and then two Super Uppercuts. When he gets up, throw a left body blow to counter his right hook, then dish out two more right body blows while he is stunned. To knock him down a second time, counter his left hook with a right body blow and then serve up a Super Uppercut. When he gets up this time, he goes into a spin-punch move. Duck to avoid the spins, then counter with a jab and a Super Uppercut to take him out.

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SPECIAL CIRCUIT

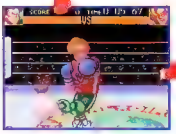
NARCIS PRINCE

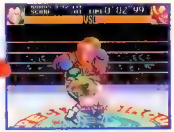
Some may assume the V on the Prince's sweater stands for "Victory." "Vanity" is more fitting, though.

COUNTRY	ENGLAND
AGE	20
WEIGHT	150 lbs
RECORD	12-3

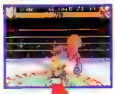
EAR TO JAB

Narcis has a very fast jab move. He raises his glove for an instant and then extends it toward your face! Dodge it and then come back at him with a damaging right body blow.





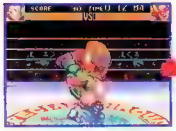
ROYAL UPPERCUT



It may not be obvious to you, but you can take Narcis out of his uppercut move if you deliver a body blow as he is in the crouching position. Again, it's a precise timing thing.

BRITISH BLASTER

This combo is fast, but you can block it and have no problems. Put up your dukes and keep them up until he has thrown his third jab. Retaliate with a right body blow.



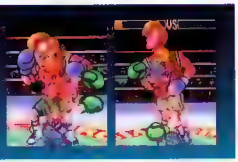
PEEVED PRINCE

One of the best things you can do during your battle with Narcis Prince is to make him mad. To do this, you have to hit him in the face...really hard! He's a pretty boy and hasn't been tagged in the face very many times, so it really stuns him when you blast his fair mug.

QUICK KO!

It appears that some of the patterns that Narcis Prince uses are random, so this is just one possible way to defeat him. Open with a left body blow to counter his right hook, then deliver a left jab to make him mad. When he attacks, throw a right jab to counter his left jab, then throw two more left jabs. Next, throw a right jab to counter his left jab plus one more left jab and a Super Uppercut. Follow with a right body blow to counter his left hook. This should stun him. Tag Narcis with a Super Uppercut for a knockdown. When he rises, throw another Super Uppercut to knock him down for the count.

NP RECORD: 14.98 seconds



SPECIAL CIRCUIT

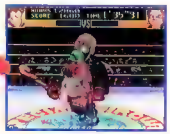
HOY QUARLOW

Because his "boxing" style is so different from the others, Hoy may be the most difficult boxer you'll face.

COUNTRY	CHINA
AGE	78
WEIGHT	100 lbs
RECORD	62-13

TRIPLE STICK

When Hoy lifts his stick up to his right, prepare to block. You can fend off three quick, right-stick slaps. Give him an uppercut before he comes back at you from the left.

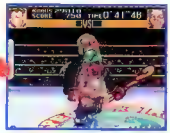


BACKSPIN PUNCH

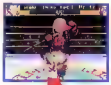
You have to duck to avoid Hoy Quarlow's spinning backhand punch. You should counter with a jab to his face while he still has his hand out. It's a quick move, so you have to react fast to it. In fact, if you don't react fast to every one of his moves, you might as well hang up your gloves and turn off your Super NES!

ANCIENT ATTACK

Hoy Quarlow's forefathers passed this tricky attack move down to him. When he drops down from the top of the screen, he'll swing his stick at you much like a golfer would swing his club. The easiest defense for you is to dodge the stick, but you can get in a jab to counter his move when he has his stick extended. Hoy can repeat this move several times.



STICK ATTACK, TOO



Once again, Hoy uses his stick to try to put the hurt on you. He'll raise it and try to hit you high twice and low twice. Block them all and then come back at him with a right jab.

WHEEL KICK

One of the few boxers who'll try to hurt you with a kick, Hoy crouches and delivers a high kick. Dodge it and follow it immediately with a jab, plus whatever else you can throw in.

QUICK KO!

NP RECORD: 15.96 seconds

Only the first knockdown on Hoy is guaranteed with this method. You just need to be able to react to his other moves. It's not easy! Open with two left jabs, hesitate, then deliver another left jab to counter his Triple Stick attack. Next, apply a right body blow to counter a left attack. This should stun him. Give him a left jab, hesitate, land another left jab, then counter his Wheel Kick with a right body blow to stun him again. Now you can mack him with a Super Hook. He should be dizzy at this point. His dizzy spin is similar to Bald Bull's spin. Super Uppercut him when he comes around for a knockdown. When he gets up, he pauses and then throws a low right stick. Throw a left jab to counter the stick and follow it with a Super Hook to knock him down again. At this point, he usually goes into his Ancient Attack. Throw a left jab to counter just as the stick approaches your head. It's extremely difficult to beat him!

Only For Nintendo

SPECIAL CIRCUIT

RICK BRUISER

It's best to be offensive with Rick and Nick. You can't counter punch too much. Their stamina is too high.

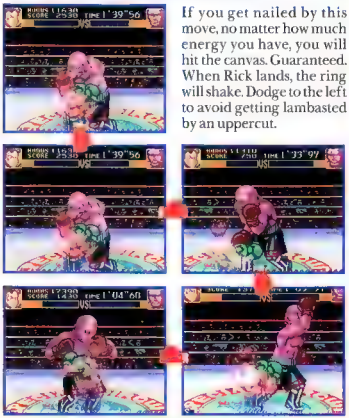
COUNTRY	UNKNOWN
AGE	UNKNOWN
WEIGHT	210 lbs
RECORD	41-1

TRICK JAB

Boxing brutes, the Brothers Bruiser don't play by the rules. After you hit Rick in the face, he can come back at you with a very strong jab. He doesn't even take time to set it up. It's just "right back at you!"

EARTHQUAKER

If you get nailed by this move, no matter how much energy you have, you will hit the canvas. Guaranteed. When Rick lands, the ring will shake. Dodge to the left to avoid getting lambasted by an uppercut.

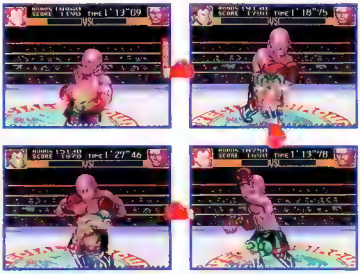


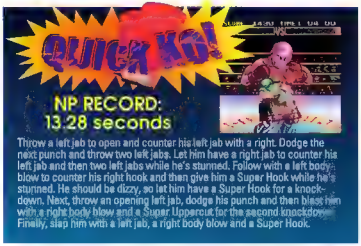
BONE CRUSHER

If you find that your glove has turned red, your arm has been disabled by a strong Bruiser Brother attack. You won't be able to punch with it for about ten seconds.

RICK'S RUSH

With a little head bob, Rick throws a left cross, a right jab and then a left uppercut. It all happens so fast!





Throw a left jab to open and counter his left jab with a right. Dodge the next punch and throw two left jabs. Let him have a right jab to counter his left jab and then two left jabs while he's stunned. Follow with a left body blow to counter his right hook and then give him a Super Hook while he's stunned. He should be dizzy, so let him have a Super Hook for a knockdown. Next, throw an opening left jab, dodge his punch and then blast him with a right body blow and a Super Uppercut for the second knockdown. Finally, slap him with a left jab, a right body blow and a Super Hook.

SPECIAL CIRCUIT

NICK BRUISER

Will you be the boxer who has enough skill and talent to be able to hand Nick Bruiser his first loss ever?

COUNTRY	UNKNOWN
AGE	UNKNOWN
WEIGHT	210 lbs
RECORD	42-0

ARM BREAKER

Early on in the fight, Nick can come down hard on your arm and put it out of commission. Dodge or pay.

QUICK UPPERCUTS

Nick gives you a warning before he throws two quick uppercuts—he shuffles his feet quickly. It's not much warning, but it should be enough to allow you to react.

QUICK KO!

NP RECORD: 16.67 seconds

Open with two left jabs, hesitate, then counter his left jab with a right jab. Next, left jab, right jab, left jab, right jab, left jab. Apply another left jab to make him dizzy and a Super Hook for a knockdown. When he gets up, throw a left jab to counter his right jab and land a right body blow while he's stunned. Immediately follow with a Super Hook for the second knockdown. Upon his return, throw a right jab to counter his left jab. He should be dizzy again. Start a new [illegible] followed by a Super Hook to take his belt and all the glory!

DASH PUNCH

Nick dashes in and offers you an elbow crunch. Dodge it and then duck because he will follow it with a right hook. After his hook, you can counter with several punches. Remember that it's best to stay on the offensive.

NICK'S RUSH

It's a similar to Rick's Rush, but Nick's combo involves a right jab, a quick left hook and an even quicker left uppercut. Dodging three times to your left while the punches fly seems to be the best evasive maneuver.

THE SPORTS SCENE

A SPORTS FEAST

LOU Z. BALL

The variety of Super NES sports games continues to grow with this month's batch of games. Even the most recognized sports, like football in NFL Quarterback Club, get a variety of new options. For sports fans who like to play further afield, we head to the back woods to look at Rally, and we stay off of the beaten track with jet ski racing in Full Throttle Racing. A lot of video game players might think that fishing just isn't exciting enough, but they may change their minds after our triple-review of this year's catch of bass games. If variety is the spice of life, then this month is a feast for Super NES sports gamers.

HIGH OCTANE Page 55

Experience the rush of high speed racing with Acclaim's Newman Haas Indy Car Racing With Nigel Mansell. This is one of the smoothest racers found anywhere

OFF THE SCALES Page 58

Grab your spinners and plugs and head out to Lake SNES for some first-rate bass fishing. How do the three bass titles weigh-in?

DOWN AND OUT Page 59

Professional wrestling games may not be anything new, but these two Paks pack in the digitized images and sounds of America's favorite brawlers

ICE THE COMPETITION

By Sports Accolade

San Jose, CA—Sports Accolade and the development team at Radical Entertainment have gone the extra mile to make improvements all around in this year's edition of *Brett Hull Hockey '95*. It now stands head-to-head with EA's NHL '95 as one of the best bets for hockey. This two-player game features smooth animation in a vertical 3-D scrolling view. Although the basic angle is similar to last year's Brett Hull Hockey, this time out the perspective is a bit higher, giving players a better view. The Mode 7 effect of scrolling down the ice is excellent. When you compare the smoothness of the scaling in Brett Hull '95 to ESPN Hockey Night, also covered in this issue, you'll notice that in the latter, the character sprites inexplicably change size at the distant end of the ice. Also impressive in the Accolade game is the AI that controls your teammates. The momentum factor of players on the ice further adds to the reality. Play control and movement feels solid and realistic. Control functions are easy and intuitive and the sound is great! Once again, Al Michaels does the voice over, but he calls out more NHLPA names than he did last year (last year he only identified Brett Hull) and the play-by-play has a great deal more variety. Al truly seems to be calling the action, and that adds even more to the sense of reality.

> **"The Mode 7 effect... is excellent."**

REALITY ON ICE

San Jose, CA—Within minutes of plugging in *Brett Hull Hockey '95*, we saw a vast difference between this product and last year's title. Clearly, Accolade wanted to give players a realistic sense of playing hockey. The graphics, sound, animation, artificial intelligence and play control all enhance the sense of being on the ice. But there's more to this game than meets the eyes and ears.

Options include playoffs, full

seasons or two-player regular games, 5, 10, or 20 minute periods, instant replay, fouls on or off, edit lines, player stats, sound and announcer controls, goalie in or out, and automatic goal keeping. In short, Brett Hull '95 has everything you need to play the game for fun or for serious competition. The one important missing feature is a multi-player option for more than two-players. This is fast becoming a standard for sports games, and it's too bad that a game as good as this doesn't have the additional support.

The AI works two ways: helping you out with teammates and attacking you with opponents. On the helping side, it seems that there is almost always someone you can pass to. In most hockey games, the biggest limitation is not being able to see the player you're passing to. Since the field of vision in Brett Hull '95 includes good lateral and forward views and some sight of the ice at your back, that limitation is reduced.

"Brett Hull '95 has everything you need"

Of course, you'll have to watch out for opponents who are trying to intercept that pass. The computer opponents are tough, but they aren't infallible. In too many sports games the computer opponent seems inhuman or super human. Not so here. You have a chance, and your chance is also enhanced if you are playing with a good team and a good line.

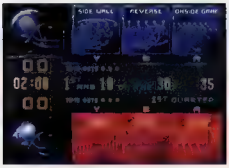
The only major game play problem is trying to see the puck as it gets slapped around the ice. This is a pretty serious consideration for a hockey game, but with experience and concentration you can get over this hump. The puck, after all, is a pretty small thing. It's just realistic.

One of the best features of Brett Hull '95 is the variety of shots. The slap shot with the Y Button allows you to power up by waiting, while the straight shot with the X Button fires the puck just as quickly as your player can swing his stick. Use the first shot when you have the puck at a distance and there's activity closer to the goal. The second shot is perfect in close. Passing and shooting combinations work the best, but you can also practice your one-on-one attack in the Shootout mode. We found that shifting from left-hand to right-hand side shots could throw off goalies.

THE QB CLUB HAS ARRIVED

By Acclaim

Oyster Bay, NY—At last it's here, and it was worth the wait. Acclaim's *NFL Quarterback Club* has it all—all the complexities of the Madden series and all the ease of play of the Tecmo Super Bowls. In addition to all that, you also play the multi-player QB Challenge, testing your basic skills using any of the first-string QBs in the league. Well, almost. Montana is missing. You can even create a custom QB. The control sequences in



the Challenge may not be clear at first, and the rules of the Challenge should also be reviewed before you hit the field.

The Challenge is a fun diversion, but where this game truly shines is on the gridiron. Using a Madden-style interface and a similar passing scheme, QB Club features excellent graphics and all the options you might want. One special feature is the ability to put any QB on any team. So you think having Aikman on the Oilers might have helped?

Give it a shot. The Simulation Mode allows you to try to overcome obstacles in historic situations from past NFL seasons. On the field, the action takes place vertically, with receivers identified by their button letters.

> **"...a Madden-style interface and a similar passing scheme..."**

Play selection is similar to Madden '95. Complete stats are kept and an instant replay camera can be set on any section of the field, even away from the play. As in most video football games, running can be brutal if you don't pay attention to blocking schemes. Passing is easy. You can call audibles both on offense and defense. You also have full control of defensive players, including the ability to switch to the ball during passing plays. Even the Madden-style of play-screen selection was used. Imitation may be the sincerest form of flattery, but QB Club also adds its own dimensions with the Challenge and Simulation modes. QB Club is a winner in its own right.

WHAT IF...?

What would have happened if the coach had called a different play or the receiver hadn't stumbled? That's what the Simulation mode in QB Club is all about. Most of the situations are close contests that have come down to the wire. Can you rewrite history? We sure had fun trying.

Choose your favorite QB and put him in the toughest situation you can think of

NHL '95

By EA Sports

San Mateo, CA—It's a new year, and that means that EA Sports is sure to have updated versions of its award-winning sports games. Actually, *NHL '95* came out at the end of 1994, and therein lies its only problem. The five-player option originally included in the game was

scrapped at the final moment to make the holiday window. Too bad. That one option set the game in a league of its own. As a two-player Pak, NHL '95 has most of the features of earlier versions plus a Trade feature that lets you customize your team during the season. You can also create custom players from scratch. On the ice, the hard hitting action takes place from above the rink. This viewpoint isn't as realistic as Brett Hull '95, but it has the added advantage of clearly showing the puck. Play control is simple and intuitive. The movement on the ice feels realistic and the puck even takes to the air on some shots. The NHL might like to downplay the contact element of the sport, but NHL '95 is true to the reality with plenty of body checking. The bottom line is that this is a good game, but not all that different from previous versions.

SUPER TECMO BOWL SPECIAL

By Tecmo

Torrance, CA—Update. Tecmo has created an instant collector's item by restricting the number of Super Tecmo Bowl Special Edition copies to a mere 15,000. It may have sold out by now. If not, and if you're a Tecmo fan, look for it. The game has improvements in almost every area over the original Super NES Super Tecmo Bowl.

A rare scene—not because of the action, but because there so few copies of this game pak.

ESPN NATIONAL HOCKEY NIGHT

By Sony Imagesoft

Santa Monica, CA—Sony's *ESPN National Hockey Night* contains some unique features, like a choice between a side-scrolling view and a more traditional vertical view. Surprisingly, the side view turns out to be best because it doesn't have the character scaling problems that are found in

"...the side view turns out to be best..."

the vertical view. This game makes better use of the NHL license and its logos than NHL '95. It also features the realistic organ music that you find in many arenas. Play control is a bit more awkward than it is in Brett Hull '95, mainly because of the choice of buttons and functions and the fact that selected players are shown by arrows, while the action follows the puck. It may take a few minutes to get used to the controls, but there are payoffs. The biggest payoff is the multi-player feature. The biggest problem is the horrible vertical view. Why Sony Imagesoft left it in is a mystery on ice.

NIGEL MANSELL RETURNS

By Acclaim

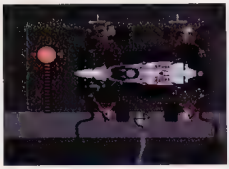
Oyster Bay, NY—*Newman Haas Indy Car Racing* from Acclaim puts you behind some of the hottest wheels the world has ever known. Nigel Mansell endorses this product but doesn't dispense any advice, as he does in last year's GameTek title. Where this year's Pak scores over the previous game is in the two-player split screen option, which was missing from GameTek's Mansell. It also measures up in the play control category with exceptionally accurate steering and a true sense of speed.

As in most racers, you can choose the manual transmission option for realism or the auto option for a quick and easy driving session. In the Simulation mode, you also get to set up your car for the given track, and true racing rules apply. The Arcade mode lets you plant your foot on the pedal and blow. In addition to the two-player option, you can also race directly against Mario Andretti as a computer opponent. All of these options, and the smooth play control, put Newman Haas in the race, but that's not the whole story.

"...exceptionally accurate steering and a true sense of speed."

The first Nigel Mansell game made its mark with great looking graphics that included interesting settings and backgrounds. This time out, the driver would be hard-pressed to notice anything about the bland backgrounds on the 15 tracks. The first game (admittedly not an Indy car game) also had 3-D terrain that felt real. Not so here. Any realistic racing experience must include the aspect of strategy—maneuvering through turns and outsmarting opponents. Part of that strategy has to take into account caution, but in Newman Haas, you can bash your car to a pulp without any effect except lost speed. In Michael Andretti's Indy Car Challenge, if you tried to Rambo through everything,

your car would end up as toast. As for the AI of the other drivers in Newman Haas, they tend to drive without mistakes, so playing catch-up can be difficult. Narrow roadways further increase the difficulty of taking the lead. When it comes to the checkered flag, Newman Haas does some things very well, but it falls short in several other categories. Even so, it's definitely worth a test drive.



Oral Octane Overload!

Colombian Octane Blend turns even the most under-powered drivers into highly charged racing machines.

Colombian espresso blend is on tap at your local race track

GP-1 REDUX

By Atlus

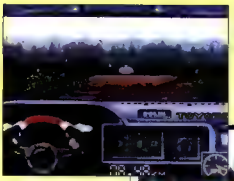
Irvine, CA—Another racing sequel is revving its engines this year, but unlike much of the competition it has only two wheels. *GP-1 Part II* preserves all of the good elements of the first game and adds a twist in the GP Race mode. The first four races of your career are used to determine what team you will represent. If you do well in the initial outings, you'll be assigned to a better team with a higher level of competition. Poor showings result in an easier circuit. If you improve along the way, the competition will also improve. The great thing about this set up is that no matter if you are an old pro or a rank amateur, you'll have a chance at some glory.

As for the mechanics of the game, the graphics remain detailed and realistic and the sense of speed is good. The animation of the bikes can be rubbery, leaning this way and that. As in Newman Haas, the competition is tough, but passing is easy if you keep up with the pack. Damage doesn't exist in this perfect racing world. The game includes a good two-player split screen view and a Time Attack mode in which you can set records on any of the 17 tracks. GP-1 Part II may have a confusing name, but the game is a clear winner.

MUDBALL RALLY

By JVC

Los Angeles, CA—Ask yourself this question: Have you ever wanted to race through hideous mountain conditions with mud, rain and ice on a road littered with obstacles while driving a car with broken steering linkage? JVC's *Rally* tries—but fails—to bring you the off-road experience. Once you plug this Pak into your Super NES, prepare yourself for a spine-jarring series of one-way races. Some races take place at night, others roar through snow and mud. On the roads you'll swerve constantly to avoid bales, cones, puddles and cops. The scrolling background flies by so fast that it can make you dizzy. The play control is almost non-existent. The final word is this—Off-Road: The Baja does it better every which way.



The cars in Rally have such loose steering that drivers will find themselves fighting to keep from oversteering and crashing into obstacles.

FULL OUT RACING

By Cybersoft

North Miami Beach, FL—By land or sea, *Full Throttle Racing* goes flat out for speed. Unlike Gametek/Cybersoft's earlier

bike/jet ski combination game—Kawasaki Caribbean Challenge—FTR doesn't use digitized images or try to be overly realistic. The game uses the original Nigel Mansell engine, but it isn't the same experience on two-wheels or in the water. This game feels much more like Top Gear with such fantasy features as Nitro boosters, on-track Repair icons, and bags of Money. You also have rival characters that you try to beat in the game. One of the main tactics for getting ahead is to knock your opponents off their bikes. You use the Left and Right Buttons to accomplish this, but it becomes awkward when you find yourself in a kicking match while trying to steer around corners. The play control is far better in the motorcycle races than on the water, as you might expect. Unfortunately, the sloppy control in the jet ski events, although perhaps realistic, isn't fun. One- or two-player options give you added variety. You can also choose to race motorcycles only, jet skis only, or both. The final word is this: motorcycles are okay, like Top Gear on two-wheels, but the jet ski mode takes a dive. Next time, let's hope that they concentrate on one racing mode or the other.

> **"The play control is far better in the motorcycle races..."**

MAXIMUM MPH

One of the nice features about FTR is the Workshop screen. You'll enter this customizing option before the first race and after every subsequent race. Here, you can use your cash to improve your bike in the following areas: Tire, Engine, Nitro, Body, or New Bike. On the New Bike screen, you can feast on rotating rendered graphics.

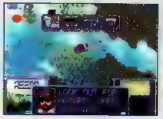
Spend your own winnings to pump up the power of your bike.

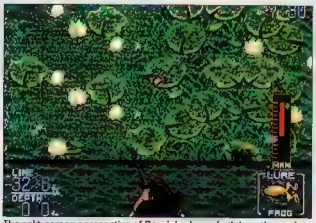
You can even spend your hard-earned bucks on a new vehicle

BASS WARS!

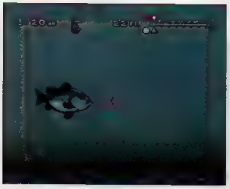
Redmond, WA—The fishing frenzy is heating up with three new bass tournament games. *TNN Bass Tournament of Champions* from American Softworks and *Bassin's Black Bass* from Hot-B were released late last year, and *Bass Masters* from T*HQ should be released in the next month or two. Which is the best? We went fishing for some answers.

When you're talking realistic bass fishing, you have to consider the equipment, the setting, the angling, and the fight. The most important part of the equipment list is the lure, because virtual bass are programmed to respond to lures under very particular circumstances, such as the proper action of the lure and its color in contrast to sunshine or overcast conditions. Bassin's Black Bass excels in presenting excellent lure action. Bass Masters, although only about 85% finished when we looked at it, used a unique underwater view that also shows the lure action. TNN used a top view similar to Bassin's, but the lure action was not as easily seen and there was no visual rod/angler interaction. In addition, Bass Masters and TNN had tackle shops where you could stock up on new equipment.

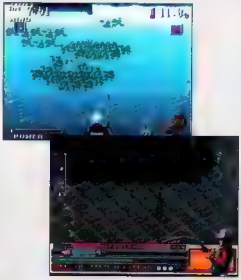




The split-screen perspective of Bassin's shows both how the angler works the rod and how the lure moves in the water. Very realistic.



Angling—working the lure—in Bass Masters made for a strategic battle between human and fish in spite of the unrealistic lure-cam view



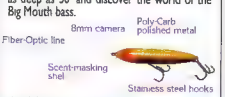
Fighting the bass in TNN was more difficult, but also more realistic (and frustrating) in that the fish often escaped

The settings of all three games are lakes with scattered weedy areas and other bass haunts. Knowing where to fish is half the battle. Graphically, the Bassin's game looked varied in the boat view as well as in the fishing view. Details included lots of plants, stumps, waves, and excellent sound effects. TNN had fewer details in the boat view and the loading time between screens was almost as slow as a CD-ROM game—about five seconds.

The Bass Masters' boat view was similar to the others. Bassin's featured exact casting and realistic reeling during which you could work the lure in a multitude of ways. It was very realistic. TNN showed casting and reeling in separate views. Finally, the fighting sequences in all three games were pretty good. Bassin's was best again because of the view of the angler. Bass Masters was fun because you had to hammer on the Controller to fight against the fish. Clearly, Bassin's is an excellent game and Bass Masters is unique while the loading delays on TNN will drive most anglers mad.

Big Mouth LURE-CAM

Now you can watch the big one get away. Go as deep as 50' and discover the world of the Big Mouth bass.



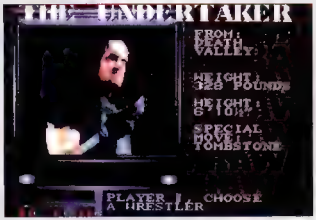
Available at your local bait and tackle shop

RAW POWER

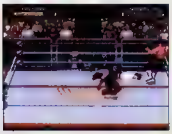
By Acclaim

Oyster Bay, NY—Wrestlemania relived comes to the Super NES with Acclaim's *WWF Raw*. It's bigger (24 Megabits), louder (with digitized music and speech), brighter (with tons of digitized photos), and it's got more options than any WWF to date. All that sounds pretty good for wrestling fans. WWF Raw may have One-On-One, Tag Team, Survivor Series, Royal Rumble, Bedlam, and the Raw Endurance matches, but much of the play is very similar to earlier WWF games. The improvement in characters on the selection screens has not been carried over to the animated figures in the ring where it would really make a difference. In short, most of the changes to WWF Raw have been cosmetic. There are new special moves that add to the interest of the game and you can also play with four friends using a multi-player adapter.

"It's bigger...louder... brighter..."



One of the problems with both of the wrestling games reviewed in this issue is that the basic moves are too limited and totally dependent on timing. When you're playing against the computer, it's really a matter of luck if your hold is selected before that of the computer opponent. The result is that you end up just hammering at the Controller, hoping to get a hold (any hold) on your opponent. The alternative is to learn all the moves, just like you would with a tournament fighting game, but the difference is that in most fighting games making your move is not a matter of lucky timing, it's a matter of knowing how to execute the move. It's a different story when you battle against a live opponent. This is where the new WWF Raw shines. When up to four players go after each other, anything can happen.



WCW BRAWLER

By FCI

New York, NY—The opposite side of the wrestling coin is the WCW license and FCI's *WCW Super Brawl*. The interface of this challenger is surprisingly similar to the WWF series. Digitized photos of the wrestlers are used to introduce the match and in the power meters that appear above the ring during the action. There's also a digitized announcer calling the throw-by-throw. The options include Single Event, Tournament and the Ultimate Challenge. You can play one- or two-player matches, but there's no multi-player option as in WWF Raw. On the other hand, the basic moves are easier to pick up and the characters in the ring are larger, making it easier to combat computer opponents. Whereas WWF Raw features better multi-player action, WCW does a better job if you plan to play the game in the one-player mode. Even though WCW seems to make more immediate sense, many of the same considerations hold true with regard to luck and the timing of holds.

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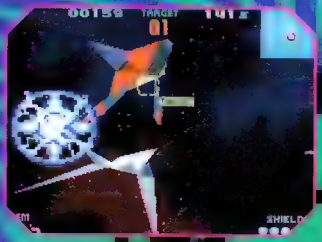

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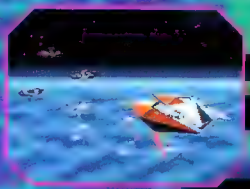

STAR FOX II

The big news this summer for the Super NES (or at least part of the big news) will be the release of StarFox II from Nintendo. Even now, the game is far along in development and looks awesome. Every area of the game has been improved dramatically over the excellent original, and much of that is because of the new Super FX^2 chip. The most dramatic differences are the open 3-D worlds and the variety of vehicles that can be used in the game.

POWERED-UP: THE SUPER FX TEAM

No longer will you be limited to traveling in a corridor. You'll be able to fly (or walk) in circles, move backward, or attack targets from 360 degrees. Polygon characters now move exactly in all 3 dimensions, you can approach from any angle, and the increased power of the Super FX² allows just that. The new vehicles and people walkers, also with a full range of motions and much more animation than in the original StarFox. Less dramatic to the casual observer are the many texture mapped surfaces found on the terrain and on enemies, but StarFox veterans will appreciate the added complexity of the graphics. Players will also encounter effects like realistic explosions in space. That [illegible] created by scaling sprites at a much higher level of detail than in the original [illegible]. You'll also find more sprites swarming on the screen at one time than ever before, and with no slowdown. StarFox II remains as fast and furious as the original.

INSIDE THE SUPER FX

Nintendo's Super FX chip is a RISC (Reduced Instruction Set Computer) chip that fits inside a Game Pak to enhance game play. The chip handles the repetitious mathematical functions associated with the use of polygons or the use of sprites with scaling and other special effects. The upshot is that with the Super FX, programmers can include graphics effects that would bog down the Super NES's CPU if it weren't for the added boost of power. The latest version of the Super FX, the FX², is capable of manipulating more polygons, more texture mapped surfaces, more sprites as well as calculating pixel-by-pixel terrain maps on-the-fly (in Comanche) to create more dramatic 3-D effects than were possible with the original version of the chip. Running at 21 megahertz, the Super FX² is twice as fast as the chip that was used in StarFox. It also includes a fast math processor that brings the speed of doing math calculations to 100 times that of the CPU in the Super NES. All this power is surprisingly inexpensive, so for the consumer it means that they won't have to purchase expensive attachments in order to get next generation performance out of the Super NES, and that's the bottom line.

FX FIGHTER

One of the most ambitious Super NES games we've ever seen comes from a British developer, Argonaut, which helped design the original StarFox and the Super FX chip itself. FX Fighter is a showcase for the Super FX because it brings the experience and graphics of higher-end arcade games to the Super NES. And not only that, FX Fighter, even in mid-development, is doing some things that you won't find even on 32-bit systems. Clearly, its depth of knowledge about the Super FX has helped Argonaut get the most out of the technology. The game combines polygons, rendered art, 3-D spatial camera panning and zooming plus tons of moves.

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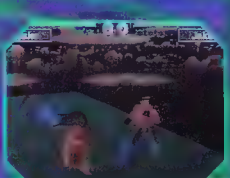

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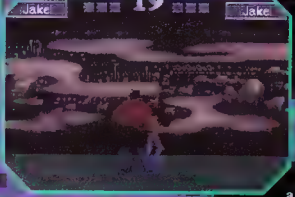
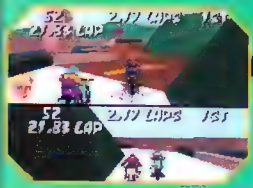


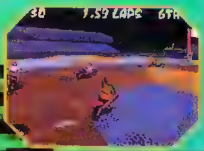
[illegible] chip gives FX Fighter the 3-D [illegible] polygon fighters and even includes impressive camera panning during throw sequences that adds to the visual drama of the game.

[illegible] not yet been [illegible]. The development team assures us that the final number for both of these elements should be impressive.

One feature that already looks world class is the camera panning sequence during throw moves. In the [illegible] game, the viewpoint [illegible] around and away from the fighters to highlight the throw, but the actual movement of the camera pan will follow one of many different sequences chosen at random. That means that no two fights will ever look the same,

[illegible] moves. After a fight, the [illegible] mode gives you even more freedom. At this writing, the plan is to have the winner control the camera during the replay sequence [illegible] he or she can throw off the victory from the best angle. As for the characters, they are composed of as many as 250 polygons [illegible] not a huge number, but they're smoothly blended into cool characters with some of the best animation you'll see, even at the arcade level. What powers [illegible] the Super FX chip. As in Stunt II, the improved Super FX[2] can handle more polygons and sprites at one time, and it can move them at higher speeds. One of the most impressive aspects of FX Fighter is that the polygons all stay together. In some earlier polygon-based fighting games, one of the problems was that some of the polygons broke apart or were lost for several frames of action. Characters [illegible] together in FX Fighter for a more realistic look.





DIRT TRAX FX

Electro [illegible] exciting results. The tracks and environments of the game exist in polygon form just as in Stunt Race FX, but the difference is that the vehicles (the bikes) appear in sprite form, allowing for greater detail and realism. Combining the two forms of graphics doesn't present a problem in itself, but it takes extra processing power to update ever-changing polygon environments at the same time that [illegible] animations are being run. Sculptured Software has brought the two graphics techniques together in a seamless union. Like Comanche, Dirt Trax also features [illegible] views that require the raw power of the Super FX.

COMANCHE

The most unusual look of any of the new Super FX games comes from Comanche. This attack helicopter program makes use of a unique 3-D graphic technique developed by Nova Logic. The Voxel technique generates highly detailed terrain maps that you fly over and around with your Comanche chopper. It begins with a map of the game area.

Each point on that map has instructions that tell the Super NES its elevation and its color, so that is what's drawn on the screen. As you move over the map, the program must recalculate all those terrain pixels in order to update the picture. Comanche also has a two-player mode that requires twice the terrain creation power. That's what requires the muscle of the Super FX².

We talked to Jez San, president of Argonaut and one of the leaders of the Super FX revolution.

Jez was involved in the development of both the original Super FX and its faster brother, the Super FX². So far, Stunt Race FX and Vortex have made use of the new chip, but this year brings four new Super FX games. Jez and his Argonaut team are developing FX Fighter for Nintendo at their U.K. offices. After having played an early version of FX Fighter, we were interested to know how the graphics were created.

Jez explained that each fighter consists of 400 to 500 polygons and that the animation rate runs between 15 and 20 frames per second. "When you throw in both fighters," Jez summerized, "plus the floor polygons and multiply it by the frame rate, you get somewhere between 15,000 to 20,000 polygons per second being displayed. That's about the same frame rate as 3DO, so by that measure it's pretty impressive."

Jez also revealed the difficulty of producing such life-like animation. "It began with motion capture photography of actors at a San Francisco studio. They were untethered so they were allowed total freedom of motion. The result is that we have moves like Shiva's (the cat-like female) aerial somersault that ends in a leg lock. You can't do that if your actor is wired to the computer. After that, we used SGI machines and Wavefront tools to animate the fighters by hand. It's taken more than five man-years of work for that process, so far..."

The resulting smooth animation includes more than 200 moves. Generic moves—kicks and punches—include variations according to the placement of the character. Special moves and throws are all created using a skeletal motion data set that can be used for all the fighters. By using just one humanoid skeletal motion data set, Jez estimates that he was able to put the equivalent of 100 megabits of individual moves into the 16-megabit game. That's what we'd call a packed Pak.

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DONKEY KONG COUNTRY

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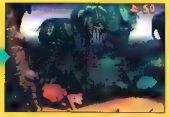
Extra Lives

Collecting 1-Ups in Donkey Kong Country has never been a problem, but this code can help speed up the process. Before you begin a new game, highlight Erase Game on the Game Select Screen, then press B, A, R, R, A, then L (BARRAL) on Controller I. After entering the code, select any of your game files, and you'll begin the game with 50 lives in reserve. You can use this code with any saved file, so you can refill your lives throughout the game by resetting then entering the code each time you play the game.

Highlight Erase Game, then press B, A, R, R, A, and L on Controller I.



Select any file, then begin playing with 50 lives in reserve!

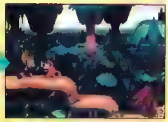
Bad Buddy

When you play a two-player game in the Team Mode, you get to play only after the other player messes up or gives you control, but you can change that with this code. Highlight Erase Game on the Game Select Screen, press B, A, Down, B, Up, Down, Down, Y and A, then start a Two-Player Team game. Now you can take control whenever you feel like it by pressing Select!

When you play a normal Two-Player Team game, you can't play until your partner gives you control.

Highlight Erase Game on the Game Select Screen, then press B, A, Down, B, Up, Down, Down, Y and A.

Select an empty file and begin a Two-Player Team game.



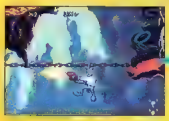
Now you can take control from your partner whenever you want to.

EARTHWORM JIM

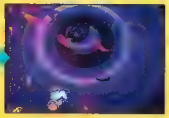
FROM AGENT #495

Level Skip

Can't beat one of the Bosses in Earthworm Jim? Did you get lost halfway through the level and are you getting frustrated? Do you want to see just one more level before going to bed? Your problems are solved! While you're playing, pause the game, then press A, B, X, A, then A and X together, B and X, B and X, and A and X. When you take the game off pause you'll skip directly to the next level!

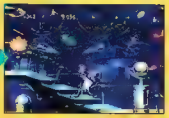


Anytime during the game, press the Start Button to pause the action.



Press A, B, X, A, then AX, BX, BX, and AX together

When you take the game off pause, you'll skip directly to the next stage.



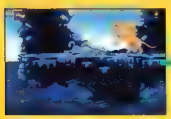
You can use this code to skip all the way to the end!

THE LION KING

From Agent #773

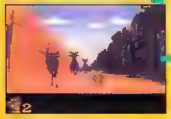
Stage Select

When the King of the Jungle roars, everyone listens, and if you get frustrated with the tougher levels in The Lion King, you'll be roaring a lot! Save everyone the agony and use this code the next time you get frustrated. Before you begin playing, go to the Option Screen and press B, A, R, R, Y. If you enter the code correctly, a second Option Screen will appear. From this new screen, you can start the game from any stage, including the Bug Bonus stages. You can also select the Invincibility Option if the game is still too challenging.



Are you having problems making it through some of the tougher stages?

On the Option Screen, press B A R, R, Y, to make the secret Option Menu appear



Select your favorite stage, then skip straight to it.

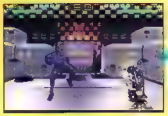
You can also make yourself invincible to enemy attacks!

RISE OF THE ROBOTS

From Agent #080

Boss Code

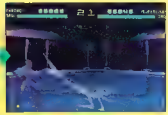
Although you receive this code when you finish the game, we thought you might like to play as the Final Boss, even if you can't finish the game. When you first turn on the game, wait until the Mode Select Screen appears, then press Up, Right, Down, Left and any button on Controller 1. If you enter the code correctly, you will be able to choose the Boss when you play the Two-Player Vs. Mode game.



Normally, you can only choose from the main characters in the game.

When you begin a new game, wait for the Mode Select Screen to appear

Quickly press Up, Right, Down, Left, then any button on Controller 1



Now you can play as the Final Boss in the Two-Player Vs. Mode

TINY TOON WACKY SPORTS CHALLENGE

From Agent #874

Practice Mode

In Tiny Toon Wacky Sports, practice any of the events that you're having trouble with by using this simple trick. On the Password Screen, enter Babs Bunny, Montana Max, and Book Worm as your password, then press the A Button. You will access a Select Screen where you can practice any of the events as often as you like.

You only get three continues to complete the competition, so you'd better practice first.

Enter Babs Bunny, Montana Max and Book Worm as your password, then press the A Button.

When you want to return to the Competition Mode, press the B Button while you're on the Select Screen.

From the Select Screen, you can practice any of the 19 different events as often as you want.

From Agent #287

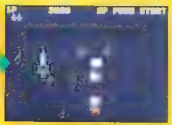
Hidden Characters

Normally, you won't receive this special code until after you've completed the game, but because the code allows you to access the two super-powerful characters, you might like to use it sooner. Before you begin playing, go to the Character Select Screen and hold the R Button. While you're holding R, press Left, Down, Right, X, Y, A, B, Left, Down, Right, Down, X, Y, A and B. If you enter the code correctly, the extra fighters will appear when the game begins.

You usually have to finish the entire game to receive this special code.

On the Character Select Screen, hold the R Button and enter the the code.

Press Left, Down Right, X, Y, A, B, Left, Down, Right, Down, X, Y, A and B.



Now you can choose the hidden characters and increase your aircraft's power!

Endurance Round

If you finish the game as either Rabio or Lepus, you'll earn this special code that lets you test your skills in the Boss Endurance Mode. To enter the code, go to the Character Select Screen and hold the R Button. While holding the button, press A, Left, Y, Right, X, Down, B, then Up. In the Endurance Mode you will face all of the bosses back-to-back, so good luck!

On the Character Select Screen, hold the R Button while you enter the code.

Press A, Left, Y, Right, X, Down, B, then Up to access the Endurance Round.

From Agent #148

Blood Code

This code is definitely not the most exciting code in the world, but it's a code. If you're looking for some added color in your Shaq Fu game, go to the Option Screen and press Y, X, B, A, L and R. If you enter the code correctly, the screen will flash red. When you begin playing, your characters will bleed when they get hit. The blood isn't as vivid as it is in MK II, but it's blood nonetheless.

On the Option Screen, quickly press Y, X, B, A, L then R to make the screen flash red.

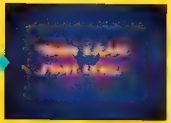
When you start playing, your characters will bleed when they're punched.

From Agent #821

Stage Select

Using this code is a great way to explore the later stages of Mickey Mania without losing any time. Before you begin a new game, go to the Option Screen and select the Sound Test. Set the Music at Beanstalk 1, set the SFX at Extra Try, then highlight Exit. Now, if you hold the L Button for a few seconds, you will hear a sound. When you begin playing, a screen that allows you to select any level will appear.

Go to the Option Screen and select the Sound Test Option.



Select the Beanstalk 1 music, Extra Try SFX, then highlight the Exit and hold the L Button.

From Agent #161

Power-Up Fire

After you sink three unopposed shots in a row, your player will be On Fire until the other team scores. While you're On Fire your chances of hitting a shot are boosted. To stay On Fire for the entire game, you can enter the Power-Up Fire code. Before a game, when the Team Match-Up screen appears, hold Left and press any button seven times before the screen fades.

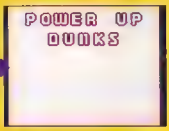
Select your favorite team, then wait until the Team Match-Up screen appears.

Hold Left and press any button seven times before the Match-Up screen fades.

Power-Up Dunks

Want to catch some air? Here is the trick that's going to give you the longest hang time around. When you begin a new game, select your favorite team or enter a past password. When the Team Match-Up Screen appears, tap either A or B ten times, then hold Down and A until the screen fades. If you enter the code correctly, you'll be able to dunk the ball from halfcourt!

Start a new game, enter your initials, then select your favorite team.



At the Team Match-up screen, tap A or B ten times, then hold Down and A until the screen fades.

Secret Players

Just like the original NBA Jam, the Game Boy version is full of secret players! Your abilities won't change by using one of these secret players, but you get a chance to see some odd characters hoopin' it up with the pros. To access a secret player, enter the correct initials, using the secret code to enter the last letter.

George Clinton

Enter the initials F and N, then place the flashing cursor on the letter L.

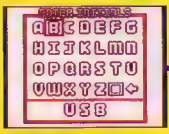
Press Left and B at the same time to enter the letter K as your last initial.

Al Gore

Enter the initials E and X, then place the flashing cursor on the letter J.

Press Up, Start and B at the same time to enter the letter C as your last initial.

Bill Clinton



Enter the initials U and S, then place the flashing cursor on the letter B.

Press Left, A and B at the same time to enter the letter A as your last initial.

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Wolverine, the most ferocious X-Men of them all, is set to face the deadliest and most important mission of his life—uncovering the secrets to his unknown past. To succeed, he's going to need a lot of courage, a little luck, and all your video fighting skills.

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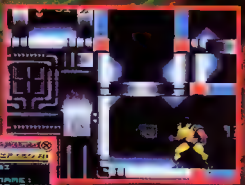


The Fact Files located on the first screen contain the vital information on each boss's strengths and weaknesses.

Meet Logan, otherwise known as Wolverine—part flesh, part metal, and all fury. A mutant whose body houses an indestructible Adamantium skeleton. For reasons he does not know, his memories have been altered, leaving much of his past a mystery. Someone has done this, but who? And for what sinister purpose? He must find the answers to these questions before it's too late. Armed with only a cryptic computer message and his formidable fighting skills, Wolverine now begins a quest for that which is most important to him: his identity!

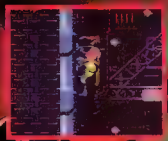
Wolverine will need all his fighting skills, as well as a keen sense of direction, to get through the dangerous terrain that lies ahead.

SLASH N BASH!

Wolverine's extensive training has allowed him to master many different fighting skills—so many that you'll have a tough time helping Wolverine restore his memory if you try to use them all! A better strategy is to master a few of the most effective moves, and leave the trickier stuff for those special cases.

DIG IN

Wolverine's claws get him out of tough spots in more ways than one. Not only are they great during a fight, they also let Wolverine scale the sheerest walls. Use them to escape from battles when Wolverine is outnumbered and out-gunned.



SUPER LEAP

Wolverine needs to make some big leaps to get through this terrain and to reach some hidden surprises. Crouch down before hitting the jump button to give him an extra boost. But be careful—a misdirected super leap can leave Wolverine vulnerable.

TAKE A BREATHER

If Wolverine's energy is low, his special healing powers will repair his battle wounds—given some time. Find a safe place for to let Wolverine recuperate for a minute, then head back to battle!

FLYING FIST

In heroic situations, Wolverine has to act fast, and the jump punch is served best at high speeds. Fly through the air and hit your opponents with devastating bashes to the chops. This move works nicely against flying enemies.

CLAW MARKS

Perhaps Wolverine's most effective weapon is the slash. Lightning quick, and laser accurate, the slash delivers a crushing blow to Wolverine's opponents, big and small. And for those enemies out of reach, a jumping slash can be unstoppable.

DEADLY DOLL

While Wolverine can rest a short time during his adventure, he can't wait long. Elsie Dee, an explosive android who looks like an innocent and frightened little girl, is following him. When the countdown clock appears, Elsie's nearby, and Wolverine needs to finish the stage quickly!

Though she's usually too far behind to get to Wolverine, Elsie Dee is always on his trail. If she does catch up, not even Wolverine's Adamantium skeleton can survive one of her high-powered tantrums.

STAGE 1

START

THE SECRET LABORATORY

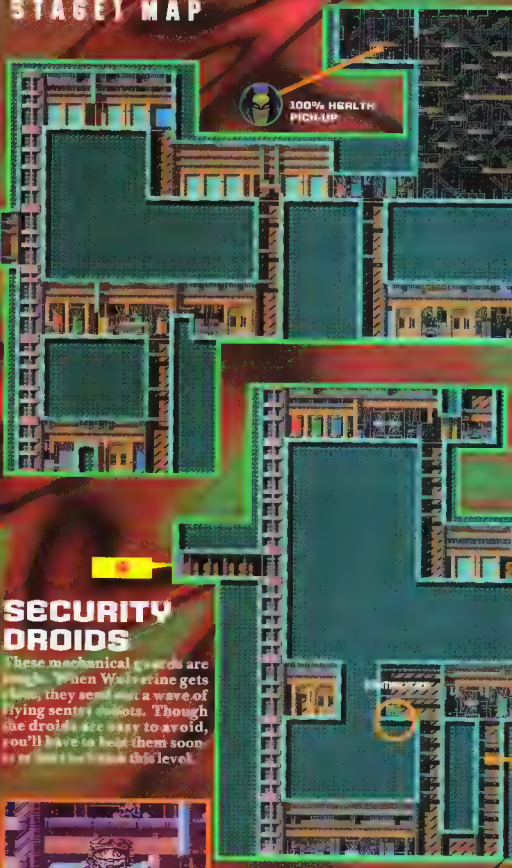
A strange message has led Wolverine to a secret lab hidden in the Rocky Mountains. There, he hopes to find the computer that contains information about his mysterious link to Weapon X. But to do that, Wolverine's got to get past some formidable foes.

VS DESTROYER PROGRAMMER™

Destroyer Programmer is big, but the real attacks comes from the weapons he creates during battle. Watch for the quick blasts, and attack when it's clear.

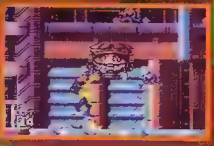
Use the claw punch up-close to dismantle Destroyer's weapon. If you get low on energy, retreat through the falling flames to rejuvenate.

STAGE 1 MAP



SECURITY DROIDS

These mechanical guards are [illegible] when Wolverine gets [illegible], they send out a wave of flying sentry robots. Though the droids are easy to avoid, you'll have to beat them soon [illegible] this level.



Use a jumping slash to reach the heart of the droids. After a few well-placed shots, they'll fizzle out.

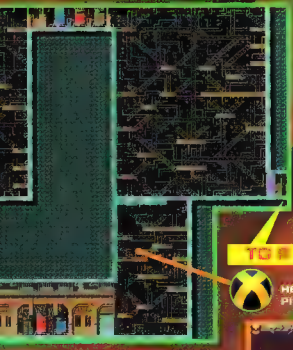
Before long, the sentry attack becomes overwhelming. When it gets too crowded, retreat, regroup and mount a new attack!

STAGE 2
THE LAIR OF THE HAND

Wolverine is after Lady Deathstrike, but he must first battle the warriors of The Hand, a mysterious ninja sect. Wolverine can beat them with a few rousing punches, but the long-awaited attack of Deathstrike is another matter! Watch out for Elsie Dee here.

ATTACK FROM ABOVE

Overhead cannons give the laboratory guards good cover as they attack you. Even when you're handling the soldier's attack, the cannons can do heavy damage to you. Before you attract too many guards, take the cannons out with a quick swipe of your claw.

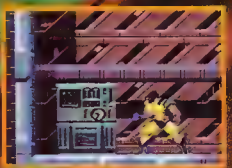


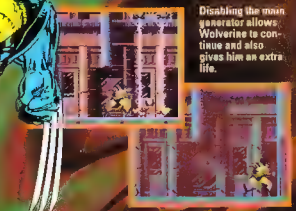
To reach the cannons, use a super jump, but be sure to hold the X-Button down so you go in claws first.

POWER OUTAGE

To get past the lab's security system, Wolverine must disable the computer controlling the main power generator. Though you can destroy the computer as soon as you find it, wait until the stage is secure before destroying it.

If Wolverine destroys the main generator computer too early, he will be caught in the explosion that's soon to follow.





Disabling the main generator allows Wolverine to continue and also gives him an extra life.

VS TRIFUSION™

Trifusion uses three forms of attack: the shaking strength of Marble, the spearing firepower of Shard, and the relentless boomerangs of Shiken.

Trifusion's three forms make this a tough battle. He is most vulnerable when he first materializes. Strike quickly, then avoid his counterattack.

STAGE 3
HALF A WORLD AWAY: TOKYO

A trick! Wolverine begins to see the cruel game that's being played on him. The clues to his past were all lies—traps laid by the evil mutant Shinobi Shaw. Now, Wolverine wants to settle the score. But first, he must make it past Shaw's legion of high-tech soldiers.

VS BLOOD SCREAM™

This psychic vampire is quick, but if Wolverine uses his cunning, he can out-maneuver Blood Scream and strike when he is unprepared.

If Blood Scream's flying attacks get to be too much, Wolverine can safely regain his strength high on a nearby wall.

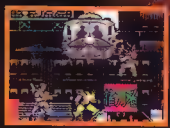
STAGE 3 MAP

STREET FIGHTING

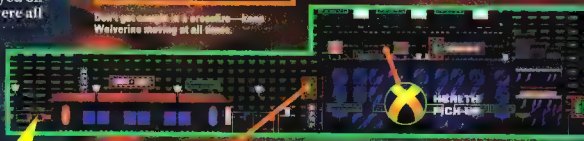
It will take all of Wolverine's ancient martial arts training to match the high-tech attack of Shinobi Shaw's henchmen. Speed and a slashing claw are your biggest assets against the furious firepower of the soldiers.

When a soldier lowers his [illegible], use a super jump to get out of the way.

Don't get caught in a crossfire—keep Wolverine moving at all times.

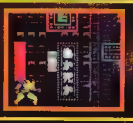


The helicopter means lots of soldiers and a vicious aerial attack. Don't get trapped. Get moving at the first sound of its whirling blades.



A FEW OTHER CHARACTERS

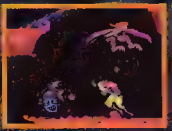
Wolverine wonders if the signs around Tokyo hold a message for him. Perhaps they do. The first one reads Nintendo; the second, Dead or Alive!

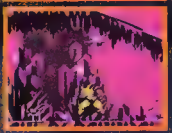


SIGN OF TROUBLE?

The neon signs of the city can help Wolverine through this level, but they can also prove deadly. Shaw's soldiers have planted motion-activated bombs on many of the signs. And if Wolverine stays on one sign too long, it gives him a violent neon shock.

STAGE 4
VICIOUS VISIONS!





Cyber has drugged Wolverine, sending him into the world of his own nightmares. Wolverine must now hold on to the sliver of reality that remains, while battling the supernatural creatures of this twisted mental landscape if he ever hopes to return alive.

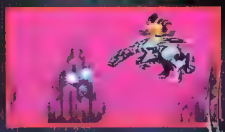
HEAVY FIREPOWER

A battle against Shaw's henchman, Geist, and a few of his friends! It will take all of Wolverine's stamina and courage to withstand this barrage of bullets. There's little room to maneuver, so Wolverine must be on the offensive at all times.

VS GEIST

Don't waste time fighting Geist's men or trying to avoid their attack. Your only hope of survival is to eliminate Geist himself.

VS THE CRYSTAL DRAGON



The dragon peppers you with nova flames, like the platforms to get a leg up on him, and shoot at his red diamond life source.

THEY'RE BACK BETTER THAN EVER

The Purple Clay Meteor is active and sending blankets of bubbling goo through the town Mudville. Although the citizens are not pleased, diehard fans of the wobbly warriors known as the Clayfighters are ecstatic! Five new Clayfighters have emerged from the goo in an attempt to take over the land in C2: Judgment Clay from Interplay.

Tiny, Bad Mr. Frosty and the Blob were the cream of the clay crop. Now they're back in this totally awesome sequel, ready to say "Hasta la vista" to their new Claymates!

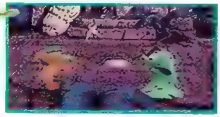
There are three different clay-playing modes to choose from. In Tournament Mode, up to eight players fight it out in Single Elimination, Double Elimination or Sudden Death matches.

THEY'RE "GOO" AND IMPROVED!

As this generation of Clayfighters was formed, the evil Dr. Kiln was plotting to take over the land. Can these chunks of clay beat him to it? You be the judge!

NANA — THE BANANA MAN

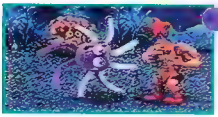
Nana Man is a truly cool dude who'd rather be kicking back than kicking clay! He will come through, but only when there is a Mudarita to sip on!



Nana the Banana Man loves to give people a taste of his special move, the Banana Slice.

OCTO — THE DYNAMO

Somebody ought to give this hyperactive little Clayfighter a hand. With eight fingers, he looks as if he could use a spare! Octo's endless energy makes him a very handy fighter.



With so many well-placed limos, Octo easily pulls off his special Cartwheel move

GOO GOO — THE CLAY BABY

If Goo Goo had a mother, she'd surely wash his mouth out with soap! Not only is his vocabulary rough, he loves to ram into things. Watch out for that rattle—it's really a pretty mean mace.

If you say, "Come to Daddy" to this knee-biter, he'll use the Ram Butt special move.

KANGOO — THE BOXING BEAUTY

Kangoo is a Clayfighter with a conscience, but it only surfaces after she beats the stuffing out of you. Her incredible leg and arm strength are her best assets, but watch out if you're her opponent!

Using her tail to dash forward, Kangoo's special move delivers the old "one-two."

HOPPY — THE RAMBO RABBIT

This once innocent field rabbit has hopped off the bunny trail and into hard-core Clayfighting. Hoppy happened upon a field full of supercharged carrots, and he's been kicking clay ever since.

Hoppy credits Carrot eating for strength, but his special move sends them spinning.

DAZZLING DETAILS

The Option Screen allows you to customize many features of the game to your own specifications. The Arena Select option makes it possible to choose your favorite fighting venue.

The C2: Judgment Clay overworld map has a brand new look. There are nine Clayfighting sites to choose from, each a visual adventure in itself.

The incredible graphic detail you've come to expect from the Clayfighter series comes through with flying colors in C2: Judgment Clay.

It's hard to decide which is cooler looking—the unbelievable animation of the Clayfighter characters or the very backgrounds they fight in front of.

POWER-UPS

Now that you've had the very rare opportunity to grab a glimpse of the most awesome new fighting game to hit the arcades, you'll want to get some inside information on C2: Judgment Clay. Read on for tips on each new character's special techniques.

THE BUTTON COMBINATIONS

CHUCK BERRY

[illegible] down on the control pad [illegible] then up and a kick button.

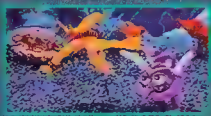
GROUND SPIN

[illegible] Rotate the joystick counterclockwise, down, down-left, left, up-left, up, up-right, right, down-right, down, down-left, left, away, away and any kick button.

BOTTLE

[illegible] press down, down-left, left [illegible] and any punch button.

FLASH HOP



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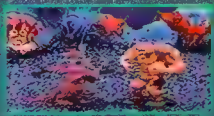


[illegible] punch button.

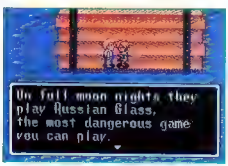
COUNSELORS' CORNER

ILLUSION OF GAIA

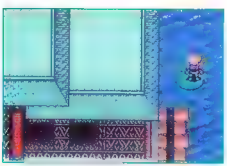
HOW DO I PLAY THE RUSSIAN GLASS GAME?

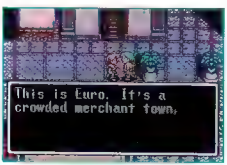
Cindy Miller

Before you can play the Russian Glass game, you must go to the Great Wall, defeat the Sand Fanger, and return with the Mystic Statue to Luke's house in Watermia. When you return, ride the lily pad transporter to the raft where the game is played. When you're given a choice, always drink from the glass on the left. Eventually, you'll win the Will. Take the Will back to Luke's house and talk to Lance and Neil. When you do, you and your friends will be automatically transported to the city of Euro.



After you defeat the Sand Fanger and get the Mystic Statue, return to Luke's house in Watermia.


Ride the lily pad out to play the Russian Glass game. Always drink from the glass on the left.

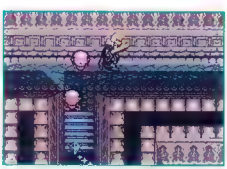


After you win the Will, return to Luke's house. You and your friends will be transported to Euro.

HOW CAN I SEE IN THE BRIGHT AREAS OF ANKOR WAT?

You won't be able to see a thing in the blindingly-bright rooms of Ankor Wat's main building unless you're sporting special eyewear, the Black Glasses. To find them, return to the overgrown courtyard and find the explorer's skeleton. When you talk to it, it will give you the Black Glasses. Select them on the item screen and wear them into the bright rooms so you'll be able to see normally.

If you venture into the bright rooms without the Black Glasses, you'll be blinded by the light.


When you return wearing the Black Glasses, you'll be able to see perfectly well.

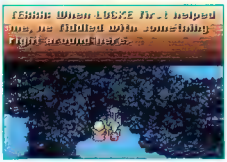
FINAL FANTASY III

HOW CAN TERRA'S PARTY ENTER THE OCCUPIED TOWN OF NARSHE?

Jerry Casper

After leaving the Returners' Hideout, the group splits into three teams. Terra's team, which heads for Narshe, finds the entrance barred by Imperial Forces. Instead of getting the boot at the front gate, walk to the left, past the instructors' building, and stand facing the rocks in the spot where Locke and Terra escaped from the cave earlier in the game. Search the wall to find the hidden entrance.

If you try to enter through the main gate, the Imperial guards will throw you out on your ear.



Locke told you to remember about the hidden entrance. Now you can use it to re-enter the caves.

HOW DO I RESET THE CLOCK IN ZOZO?

The inhabitants of Zozo are notorious liars. Talk to all of them and take notes about what they say regarding the hour. Don't believe them—eliminate the times they mention until you end up with the correct hour. To find the correct minutes, examine the clock with the broken hour hand. When you piece all of the clues together, you'll come up with the correct time: 6:10.50. Use it to reset the clock.

Eliminate the wrong hours by talking to the thieves in Zozo. They're a bunch of lying thugs.

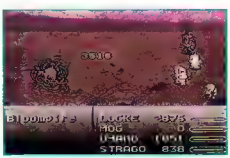
Check the clock with the broken hour hand to determine the minutes, then set the clock to 6:10.50.

When you set the clock, a hidden passage will appear. Follow it to find the Chain Saw, a valuable tool.

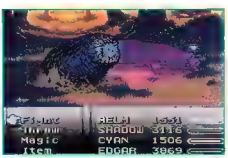
HOW DO I FIND THE HIDDEN CHARACTERS?

You don't have to have the hidden characters to finish the game, but they can make the adventure more interesting—and possibly easier. Umaro, the abominable snowman, is in the caves behind Narshe. With Mog in your party, battle your way to the Tritoch Esper. Defeat Tritoch, then search the ledge to find an opening. Jump into the hole to find and enlist Umaro. To find Gogo, go to the Triangle Island and allow your party to be inhaled by a Zone Eater. Inside the beast, you'll find Gogo, the master of mimicry.

Take Mog with you into the caves behind Narshe. Defeat the Tritoch, then jump into the opening.



Mog will order Umaro to join your party. He's a fierce physical fighter with superhuman strength.



Search the innards of the Zone Eater to find Gogo. His talent is imitating the attacks of others.

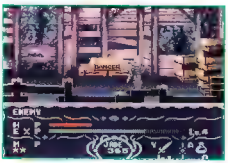
DRAGON VIEW

HOW DO I GET THE BOMBS FROM TYLON?

Anton Lee

When you reach the town of Hujia, go to the house on the east side of town and talk to the man inside to learn about Tylon and his bombs. Exit the house and walk straight up off the screen to reach the next block. When you enter Tylon's Shop, he'll tell you that he's out of dynamite, then he'll give you a key to the Storehouse. Find the Storehouse in the southeast then fight the Scorpion to get the dynamite.

When you talk to Tylon about his storehouse, he'll ask you to go there and retrieve some dynamite.



Go to the storehouse and defeat the Scorpion, then use the key to open the door and get the dynamite.

HOW DO I GET THE THIRD KEY FROM THE SEKTRA TEMPLE?

The third key is the one most commonly missed in the Sektra Temple. You must use the Ice Ring to find it. When you reach Floor B-1, continue to the right through the door. In the next room, use the Ice Ring to freeze the fountain. Jump onto the frozen pillars and go through the opening above to reach Floor 1. Now go through the door on the right and defeat the four Water Soldiers to get the third key.

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Jump onto the frozen pillars to reach the room above. Defeat the Water Soldiers to get the third key.

HOW DO I OPEN THE TWO TREASURE CHESTS IN HUJIA?

You must prove your worthiness before you'll be able to open the treasure chests in Hujia. First, go to the Jade Mine and activate Dr. Ortan's machine to make a light bridge appear on the road that leads to Sektra Temple. Next, head west from Orusort, across the light bridge, until you reach the Sektra Temple. After you rescue the Dragon Lords inside, they will change your Guardrak pendant into the Soldrak pendant. With the Soldrak pendant, return to Hujia and enter the room with the two treasure chests. In one, you'll find the Breeze Map; in the other, you'll find the Fairy Statue. The Fairy Statue doesn't actually do anything immediately, but after you rescue Grandpa from the well, it will change into the Blessing.

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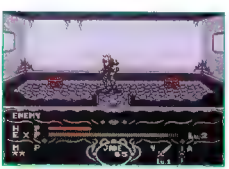


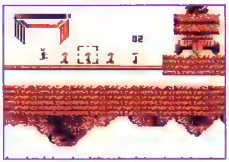
Now return to Hujia and the two chests. Open them to get the Breeze Map and the Fairy Statue.

LEMMINGS

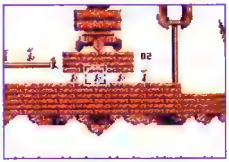
WHAT'S THE SOLUTION TO TRICKY LEVEL 13?

Brent Clearman

The tricky part of Tricky Level 13 is timing. You have only two Exploders to work with and only 30 seconds to rescue 12 Lemmings, so you have to be both fast and accurate. Set the first Lemming out to explode just as it reaches the wall on the right, then move your cursor down and to the right. Now set the next Lemming in line to explode next to the barrier, so that it blasts a path through to the exit.



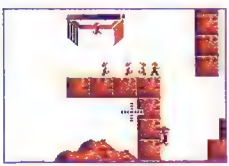
Use the first Lemming to blast through the floor. Set it so that it explodes near the wall on the right.



Use the next Lemming in line to blast through the barrier on the right so the others can reach the exit.

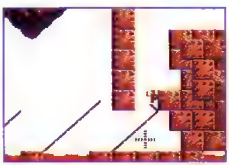
HOW DO I CLEAR MAYHEM LEVEL 1?

It will take practice to clear this level. When the first Lemming lands, make it a Floater. When the second reaches the right edge, turn it into a Blocker, and when the third reaches the left edge, make it a Blocker to contain the remaining Lemmings. When the first one turns back from the right wall, make it a Builder and build a bridge up to the left wall. When it reaches the wall and turns back to the right, build up to the metal block on the upper right. When the Builder drops to the third block, continue building over to the lower block and across the two sections of water. After it crosses the water, build from the right edge of the first metal block to the upper metal block. As soon as the Builder touches the wall and turns around, build again from the top of the previous bridge. Timing is critical here. Continue criss-crossing to the exit above. When all of the bridges are in place, bomb one of the Blockers and let the other Lemmings follow.



Turn the first Lemming into a Floater, then set two Blockers to contain the rest of the randy rodents.

Build over to the lower block, then build again over the two sections of water.



As soon as the Builder touches the wall and turns back, make it build again from the top of the bridge.

TAP THE POWERLINE: CALL THE PROS

POWER SURGE FAST FACTS

BREATH OF FIRE

Q: How do I walk through trees?
A: Put Bo at the front of your party.
Q: Why can't I use the Warp spell?
A: You can't use it in towns, caves, towers or while under water or in a dream world.
Q: Why can't I use the Debo spell?
A: It works only under water.

FINAL FANTASY III

Q: How can I counter Chupon's sneeze attack?
A: You can't. You don't have a hanky big enough.
Q: How many coral pieces do I need to feed the trunk at Ebot's Rock?
A: You need 22 pieces of coral, and you must have Strago and Relm in your party.

WRITE TO:
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CALL: (206) 885-7529

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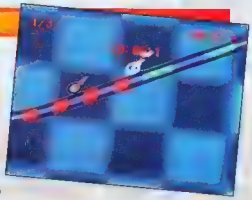
THE Power Players' ARENA

PRO Vs PLAYER UNIRACERS



Uniracers is lightning fast, but we want to see how fast you can go. We hit up the pros at Nintendo for their best scores and we found that Armond was about as good as they come! Here are a few of his best times and tracks. The top five players who beat his times will score themselves some Power Stamps.

Dragster (Crawler Tour) 25.05 sec
Hybrid (Walker Tour) 31.99 sec
Loopback (Jumper Tour) 38.08sec
Last One (Bounder Tour) 39.12 sec
Downer (Hopper Tour) 501 points

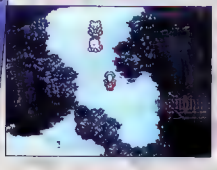
PLAYER Vs PLAYER STARFOX COMPETITION PAK

Here is a great challenge that some of you tried at Powerfest! Drew Willcoxon ordered his Super StarFox Weekend Competition Game Pak from the Power Supplies Catalog and sent us his best score: 173,343. That's a pretty good score, but we know that you guys can do even better. The players who beat Drew's score by the highest margin will win Power Stamps.

This limited-edition cart has the challenge built right in.

POWER CHALLENGE FINAL FANTASY III

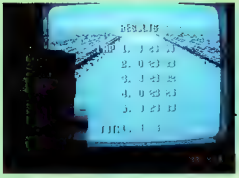
Here is an interesting challenge that should keep Final Fantasy players busy. When you play Final Fantasy III, the game keeps track of each step you take. We want to see who can take the fewest steps on the way to getting Mog to join their party. Take a photo of the Status Screen that shows your party and the steps taken to reach Mog. Remember, Mog doesn't join your party the first time you see him.



Which character should you talk to first, Mog or Lone Wolf?

ENTER THE ARENA!

Be sure to write your name, address and Member Number on the back of your photo when you send in your Challenge or entry for one of our challenges. All entries to the Challenges printed in this issue must be received no later than March 20, 1995 to qualify for the Power Stamp prizes. The players who best complete challenges, will receive four Super Power Stamps for use towards the purchase of Super Power Supplies. Scores printed are determined by the Nintendo Power Staff



Once again, we have found player using a game enhancement device! Instant disqualification!!! If you want to win, you've got to do the work yourself.

CHEAP SHOTS

THIS MONTH'S WINNERS FOR:

THE ADDAMS FAMILY

Finished the game with the fewest hearts.

John Shea Seattle, WA	3 Hearts
Casey Johnson Jackson, MI	3 Hearts
Kelly Goodman San Francisco, CA	3 Hearts
Anthony Mendez Memphis, TN	3 Hearts
Doug Shepard San Antonio, TX	3 Hearts

DISNEY'S ALADDIN

Most red gems collected.

Laura Heganbart Redwood Valley, CA	70
Douglas Fullerton Milford, MI	70
Jonathan Penn Cincinnati, OH	70
Roy Longyhore Greentown, PA	70
David Hemmer Billings, MT	70
Nicholas Mazzone Cortland, NY	70

SUPER MARIO KART

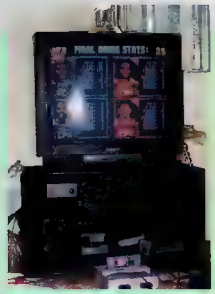
Fastest time on the Rainbow Road.

Peter Kamberis Buffalo, IL	1:33.04
Adam Johnson Rialto, CA	1:33.47
Mike Sanfilippo Collingwood, ON	1:34.65
Gerard Pisano St-Adolphe-D'Howard, PQ	1:35.23
Adam Lemon Monterey, CA	1:35.69

POWER CHALLENGE

MORE POWER CHALLENGES

GRAB THAT SHOT!



Awesome shot! Monear Choir Torrance, CA

Before you can enter one of the challenges, you must capture your score on film. As many of you know, this can be tricky. If you are taking a photo of a Super NES or NES game, first move your system near your television so you can get a photo of both the system and screen at the same time. Dim the lights in the room a little bit, then take a few photos without a flash. When you are taking a photo of a Game Boy, place it on a flat surface and take the photo using natural light (NO FLASH!). If you are using a game enhancement device to get your entry score, quit cheating and try again without it.

Tetris 2 - NES

Highest Scores.

Barb Frederick Cedar Rapids, IA	733,350
Barbara Quackenbush Bakersfield, CA	693,790
Mark Snyder Ashby, MA	544,900
Renee Nelson Lancaster, CA	495,390
Betty Limbo Sturgis, SD	456,330
Dwayn Rice Big Pool, MD	454,610

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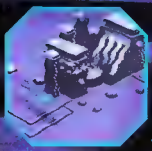
THE GREATEST ADVENTURE BENEATH THE SEA

The U.E.O. needs you, but before you can join the crew of the seaQuest you must prove yourself in a series of simulated missions. Prospective officers must prove that they have the necessary skills. T*HQ and Sculptured Software have captured the essence of the TV show with excellent graphics, music and realistic missions.



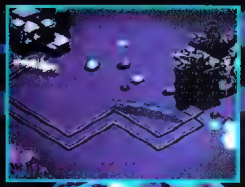
U.E.O. TRANSMISSION

Transmissions from U.E.O. headquarters appear on the simulation's subscreen. In the Info area, you'll learn about your mission objectives. The subscreen also gives you access to the Bay, where you keep your fleet of work subs and Darwin, as well as the Navigation map and the Password screen. After you complete a mission, check for new orders.

The subscreen lets you access information and submersibles that you'll use to carry out missions. Read orders carefully to determine your goal.

TORPEDOES AWAY!

The oceans of the future have been colonized by all sorts of people, including unscrupulous pirates and profiteers. Policing the abyss is a big part of the seaQuest's duty. In the open ocean view, you'll have to blast enemy subs and evade their fire.

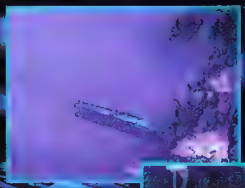


The seaQuest floats at one of three levels. Move up and down in the water to avoid being blasted by enemy torps.

NAVIGATING THE DEPTHS

The Nav screen opens up a map of the ocean floor where you'll be operating. The bronze X markers designate mining areas where you can take the Crab or Truck to pick up valuable minerals. Mission sites are designated by gray X markers. Go to the missions first since you have a limited time in which to begin them. Use an attack sub, like the Speeder, first to assess the dangers of both mining and mission sites.

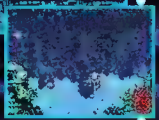
The Bay holds five vehicles and Darwin. Each unit is suited for specialized tasks like attacking or mining.



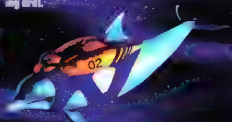
Mission sites either appear on the ocean floor or are hidden. Use the X markers to find them. Missions take place in side-scrolling views.

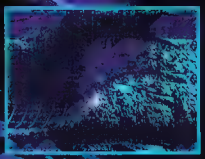
CRAB

Use the Crab for salvage operations and mining. It can't take much abuse, so make sure there are no pirates nearby. To mine the seabed, use the jet to blow away sediment.



The Crab automatically picks up valuable or dangerous materials like this radioactive dump. It is small and can maneuver inside sunken hulls and caves when necessary. It also has an armor piercing drill.

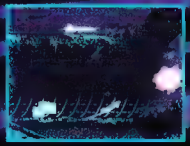




Be sure to explore this wreck thoroughly or you might miss the $900 bonus inside. Money is used to buy extra subs for future missions.

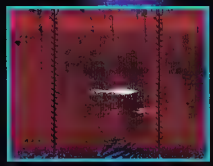
STINGER

The Stinger can wriggle into narrow spaces at any angle. This unique sub is powered by a mechanical tail. It shoots small torps and has a thin hull that can't take many hits.

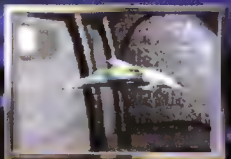


By hiding and shooting at an angle, the Stinger is almost safe while attacking pirates.

Some rocks can be blasted, revealing areas beyond which you must explore. The Stinger gets the job done.



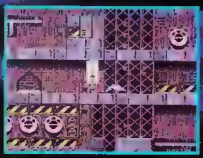
Small, maneuverable enemies like this diver will scuttle out of reach of most vessels, but the Stinger can match them move for move.



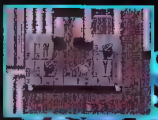
DARWIN

The seaQuest's aquatic mascot and helper, Darwin the dolphin, also plays a vital role in the simulated missions. Darwin can operate switches and swim under adverse conditions.

Darwin can activate switched reserves. You must carry out his mission quickly.



His size and maneuverability make Darwin the ideal choice to swim through narrow areas. He never dies, but his aqualung can be destroyed.



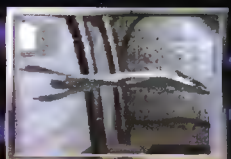
Darwin can also enter vertical areas and swim down through narrow gaps like this one. He has no armor and can't take much damage.

TRUCK

Although the truck is heavy and can lay mines, it is cumbersome. It isn't meant to be a fighter. Instead, use it in place of the Crab if an enemy remains in the area.

With forward torps and rear mines, the Truck packs some punch, but it's a sitting duck.

It's better to stay close to smaller, quicker enemies and take some damage than to let them pick you apart from a distance.



SPEEDER

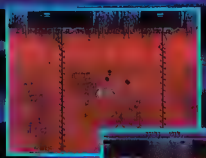
Swift and heavily armed, the Speeder is your main attack sub. Use it at the beginning of missions. Although armored, the Speeder won't last long taking direct hits.

Use the B Button to fire homing missiles once an enemy appears on the screen.

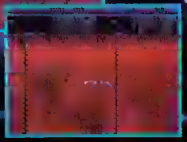
Move in quickly and fire a homing missile, then continue swooping past the enemy while firing more missiles.

HR PROBE

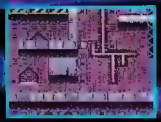
The HR Probe is a highly specialized vehicle that has virtually no armor and only light firepower. It is used for welding underwater, it can't pick up items.



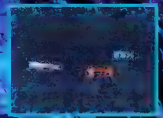
Patch the oil leak using the welding unit of this ship using the HR Probe's welding unit.



A few quick spot welds will close up the hole and bring this ecological disaster to an end.



If Darwin doesn't have a usable aqualung, you can use the HR Probe to throw switches. Its small size allows it into narrow areas.



Although the Probe has a small, hydro-pulse laser, it isn't an effective weapon against most enemies.

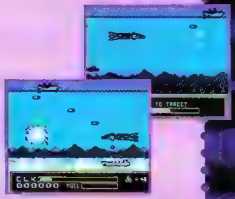
seaQuest DSV

SUPER GAME BOY

AND GAME BOY, TOO

The Super Game Boy version of seaQuest DSV features missions and perspectives different from the Super NES game. Side-scrolling views are used in both open ocean and mission scenes. It also features good graphics and variety of play.

The subscreen gives you directions for piloting the seaQuest. The sonar leads you to mission sites where you drop your vehicle.



Fend off attackers while searching for mission sites. When you seem to be above the target, lower your vehicle.

FINDING MISSIONS

The most difficult part of this Game Boy version of seaQuest is finding the mission locations. You must use your sonar to close in on a mission site. When you are in the right area, drop your probe. If you're lucky you'll be in the right spot, but you may have to move about, and all the while you may be under attack. Be prepared for frustration.

The Crab Probe can pick up objects. In this area, empty eel skins restore power, but live eels cause damage.

The diver can exit the small sub to collect canisters. He can fight sharks and other enemies either inside or outside the vessel.

A REALLY WACKY WINNER!

Acme Acres is looking to crown a new sports superstar with fame, fortune, and maybe even a spot on the front of a cereal box! It's your chance to step up to the plate and bring the championship home in Tiny Toon Adventures: Wacky Sports Challenge from Konami. For one- or two-player fun on the run, choose the Game Boy version. Up to four players can join in on the Super NES version. Either way, let the games begin!

12 GREAT SPO

The Super NES version of Wacky Sports Challenge features twelve different events across four different courses. The game starts with the Easy Course, in which you must complete six events. You must earn a minimum qualifying score in each event to move on to the next. The top athletes will advance to the next courses, concluding with the twelve events of the Super Course.

The word is out all over Acme Acres about the festival. Who will be crowned the winner?

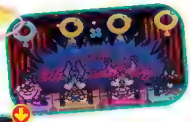
Hamton, the Master of Ceremonies, will guide you from venue to venue and explain each event in detail.

ICE CREAM THROW

Haven't you always wanted to let loose and make a mess? The first event, the Ice Cream Throw, is certainly fun, but it's no cake walk! Keep the cones flying on target to be the big winner

WEIGHT LIFTING

In the Weight Lifting competition you must build up your power and lift the barbell above your head as fast as you can. Of course, this is easier said than done!



POLE VAULT

Not only do you have to place your Pole perfectly, you'll have to vault high enough to collect the Stars in the sky. The higher you jump, the more points you'll earn.

SAUCER THROW

There are a lot of flying Saucers around Acme Acres, but they aren't UFOs! The Saucer Throw is a great way to unwind, but if you let go at the wrong time, you'll foul for sure.

RTS EVENTS!

BUNGEE JUMPING

The Bungee Jump has lots of ups and downs, but that's the nature of the beast! Those athletes with resilient bodies will be able to score some big points in this event.

LOG CUTTING

No sporting event would be complete without a good old-fashioned Log Cutting competition. Unfortunately, you'll have to rely on muscle, as there are no chain saws allowed.

BIRDMAN CONTEST

This event is multi-faceted. First, grab the Balloons as they drop. Second, you must take control of the plane and swoop down on Montana Max's mansion. Time is of the essence!

TAKE 2

CARNIVAL AND SPORTS FESTIVAL MODES

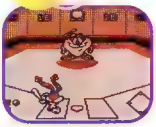
Tiny Toon Adventures Wacky Sports Challenge for Game Boy delivers just as much crazy competition and athletic adventure as the Super NES version does, and it's portable, too!

There are six events for one or two players in Sports Festival Mode. Carnival Mode features two events and is for only one player.

SHIRLEY'S WATER PANIC GAME

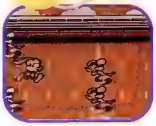
Collect the Water Drops until your cup is full, then feed the water to your ally, Dizzy Devil.

BASEBALL



Step up to the plate in the Baseball batting cage. Hit the wall panels to score points.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL



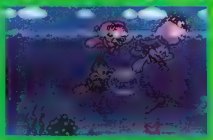
You've got the ball, and now you have to run with it. Dodge the defensemen to gain yardage.

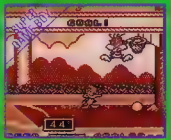
TENNIS

Whether you're an Agassi or an amateur, you'll have your chance to shine in center court.

POWER-UPS

A FEW WACKY SPORTS TIPS





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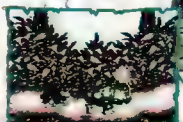
Donkey and Diddy strutted their stuff in this winter's mega-hit for the Super NES, and now they're back in a Game Boy adventure that promises to deliver the same non-stop action in an all-new setting.

simian sensations return Game Boy adventure with the same kind of apely action that Super NES debut the biggest hit ever!

Those magical minds at Rare have gone bananas trying to top their last effort! Like Donkey Kong Country, Donkey Kong Land uses ground-breaking Advanced Computer Modeling (ACM) to deliver truly amazing 3-D graphics and animation, but the similarity ends there. This is not simply a translation of the Super NES title for Game Boy; instead, this is an all-new adventure that pits the hairy pair against a new cast of baddies. The adventure takes place in new surroundings that range from an old ship to the city streets. And, amazingly, it's at least as big as the Super NES version, with all kinds of secrets to uncover and bonus levels to find. The game is still in development, so some of what you see here might change for the final version, but we wanted to give Nintendo Power readers an exclusive sneak peak at what's in store for them when Donkey Kong Land comes out this spring.



KONG COMBO TAKES TO NEW TERRRITORY

Although Rare began developing Donkey Kong Land while its programmers were working on Donkey Kong Country, and though it does borrow advanced technology from the Super NES title, this game has a life of its own, complete with its own story line and its own diverse stages. And, while the Super Game Boy palette hasn't yet been finished, what we have seen looks impressive.

DONKEY OR DIDDY

Will you be Donkey Kong or Diddy Kong? Take your pick. Only one of the characters appears on the screen at a time, but after you find a DK Barrel, you can switch between Kongs by pressing the Select Button

From tropics to big city Donkey and Diddy have explore high and low for

OPEN WINDOWS

Continue points were hidden in special barrels in Donkey Kong Country, but in Donkey Kong Land, you'll have to find and open particular windows to uncover Continues. Exits have a new look in this version, too.

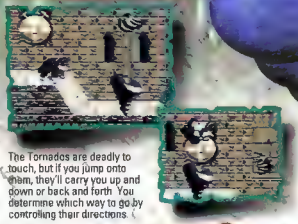
1-UPS

Find the Donkey Kong tokens to earn 1-Ups. You can collect several of the tokens at a time in some of the hidden bonus areas—and there are lots of them.

NEW TRIALS AND TRICKS

Although some of the techniques you'll use in this adventure come directly from Donkey Kong Country, other tricks are brand new. Some of the surprises will help you out, while others involve new obstacles. Experiment with the unusual objects you find and characters you meet to see what their purposes are.

TORNADO TRIP

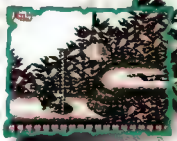


The Tornados are deadly to touch, but if you jump onto them, they'll carry you up and down or back and forth. You determine which way to go by controlling their directions.

streets, it's a jungle out there. their work cut out for them as they adventure.

DE-VINE PASSAGES

When you jump from high places and land on particular spots in this game, don't expect metal barrels to pop out. This time, you'll see vines that lead to hidden stages.

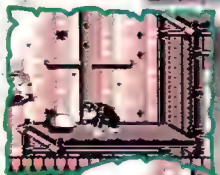


COLORIZED CART

The talk around Nintendo is that the new Donkey Kong Land cartridge will break ground in more ways than one. Not only will the game feature state-of-the-art rendered graphics, but the cartridge itself will break from the traditional gray color. It will be bright banana yellow, a color that is certain to make it stand out in the paks. We'll keep you up-to-date as final plans are made.

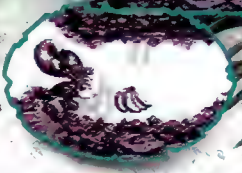
GUIDE THE BARRELS

In Donkey Kong Land, you can actually control the directions that barrels point. When you jump on the switches next to the barrels, you can reset them so that you can determine where you'll land when you're fired from them.



A NEW CAST OF BADDIES

Donkey Kong Country introduced Super NES players to a kingdom full of kremlings. You'll see some of them in this game, but a whole new world of baddies is in the works, too. As we've already mentioned, the game is still under construction—these are characters that Rare is considering for the final version. Some of them have been given identities and roles, but others are still nameless and have yet to be cast in finished parts.



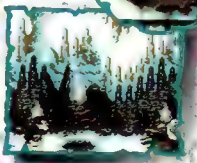
NEMO

Yes, the Kongs will be in the swim again, and they're going to meet some new aquatic challenges, too. Nemo is a persistent finny follower.

Diddy and Donkey won't be alone in adventure calls for new goodies and of critters in this video world.

BUROUGHS

Don't rile Buroughs! When he's angry, he's apt to rip off his hard hat and hurl it at you. This mad mole is likely to be a major pain.



RAM BUNKSHUS

This hard-headed ram obviously has a healthy set of horns, but his role in the final version of the game is yet to be determined. Chances are that he's an adept climber.

PUCKA

As a big fish in a little sea, Pucka makes swimming a challenge. He'll undoubtedly make diving dangerous for land-lubbers like Diddy and Donkey.

Donkey Kong Land—a new baddies. You'll meet all kinds

RASHER

When pigs fly, they make life problematic for the Kongs. These potential pork-roasts fly back and forth overhead throwing objects.

PUCKA JR.

Pucka Jr. is smaller and quicker than its senior counterpart.

There's no such thing as a leisurely swim in Donkey Kong Land, as Diddy and Donkey will discover.

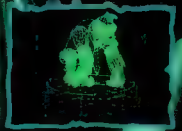
ALL ABOUT ACM

The same wire-frame "skeletons" used to create the animated 3-D images in Donkey Kong Country were used for Donkey Kong Land. Using powerful Silicon Graphics workstations and Power Animator software from Alias, the images are then shaded and manipulated to create all kinds of movements. The result is incredibly life-like animation.

RARE WARE

First, wire-frame models of all of the characters and 3-D elements are created in the computer environment.

Programmers were able to view the 3-D wire-frame images from every angle imaginable.



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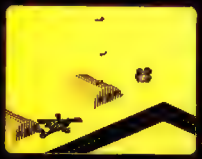
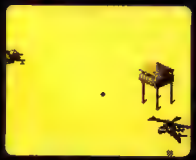
DESERT STRIKE

RETURN TO THE GULF ™

As the sun rises on the desert sands, the low roar of war machines rumbles through the air. The American Helicopter Command has swung into action and is ready to rid the world of General Kilbaba's nuclear threats. The battle line has been drawn in the sand.



The desert heats up with air strikes and strategy sessions.



You'll need to fight the enemy forces wherever they hide.

HELLO FIRE

Ocean and Electronic Arts have teamed up to bring Desert Strike to Game Boy. It's a challenging war simulation, with a good supply of action and fun. To successfully complete the campaign, you will need quick reflexes and strong strategic thinking. There are three different scenarios that are broken up into several different missions. The various missions are challenging, but when you complete the campaign, you'll wish the game was longer. The graphics are well defined and take advantage of the Super Game Boy. Players may have difficulty with the control, even with the two different piloting configurations to choose from. Many of the enemies in the game can quickly become frustrating for beginning players. Destroying some of targets requires you to carefully maneuver your helicopter in hostile fire, then hit them with a ton of missiles.

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SUPER GAME BOY

Fighting a war can be long and involving. Luckily for you there is a password feature that allows you to save your progress in the game!

Desert Strike looks good when you play it on your Game Boy.

But it looks even better when you plug it into to your Super NES with Super Game Boy

ROLL CALL

Much of your mission's success depends on your co-pilot. You can improve your chances of winning the war by choosing the co-pilot that best fits your style. All of the co-pilots have different skills and weaknesses. As luck would have it, the only co-pilot who doesn't have a weak point is missing in action. If you find him, you'll have all the help you'll ever need.

Lt. Carlos Valdez is the best co-pilot, but he's missing in action. If you find him, you'll be set.

Lt. Dave Arnick is good with both weapons and winch, but he's prone to rages.

Lt. Thomas is the best man for the winch. Use him when you don't require much shooting.

Lt. Keith Michaels is the best marksman of all the co-pilots. He can hit anything!

Lt. Kris Tanmarie is strong all around. She also keeps her cool in battle.

BRIEFING

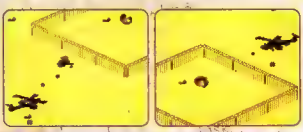
Before each scenario, your commander will hold a briefing. He will run down the mission's parameters and suggest the order in which you should destroy the targets. Some of the mission's objectives require careful planning, so listen carefully. If you've been through the briefing before and you're tired of hearing your commander yap, hit the Start Button to head straight into battle!

MISSION ONE

Your first mission will test your skills as a combat pilot, but at the same time, its targets are easy enough that beginning pilots will survive the battle. This is a great opportunity for you to practice.

After destroying the target, go to your status screen and check your fuel, armor and weapons levels.

Examine the map, locate your current target and move your aircraft into position



Fly around the target area and hit all of the enemy defense units, then work on the main target with your missiles.

Return to the Map Screen and locate your next objective, then repeat the process.

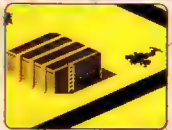
MIAs & ARMOR

Each MIA that you locate and rescue will put 150 armor points back on your chopper. You can only carry six passengers aboard the aircraft at any time. You'll have to find a landing point and empty your craft before you can pick up more MIAs. You will receive your armor point bonus after they arrive at the landing. It is a good idea to leave a few MIAs on the ground, then pick them up when your armor runs low.

POWER STATION

By destroying the enemy power station, you can cripple his defenses. The power plant is located in the northern area of the map, so you will need to travel deep inland to find it. Don't rescue the MIA here until after you clear out the enemies.

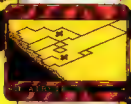
You can destroy the towers for extra points, but it's not necessary.

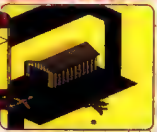

Don't pick up the MIA until you've cleared the area of hazards.

After you've cleared the area of all the dangerous enemies, fire missiles at the station.

AIRFIELDS

In order to clear the airfield, you must raze everything. Try to take out the anti-aircraft batteries first.


There are two airfields in the first mission. Be sure to take both of them out.


You can destroy the buildings with missiles, but your gun works just as well.

If you succeed in destroying the airfields early in the mission, you will gain air superiority for the rest of the war. In order to completely cripple the enemy's air force you'll need to hit every target at both airfields. Use your missiles to hit the defenses, then finish off the buildings and planes with your gun.

COMMAND POSTS

The secret agent who has been feeding crucial information back to your commander has been taken hostage. The only way to find him is to capture an enemy commander. Attack either of the command posts and grab the leader.

There are two command posts in the northeast corner of the map.

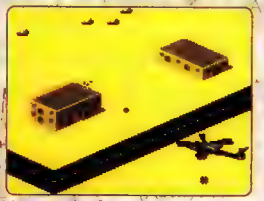
Hit the deadly Rapier missile batteries with three Hydra missiles.

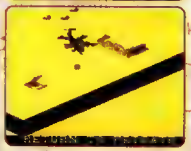
After destroying the main command post, capture the commander to learn the agent's location.

SECRET AGENT

The secret agent is being held in the northwest quadrant of the map. Locate the building he is in and destroy it! The agent is being held in a bunker beneath the building, so he will be safe until you free him.

After you capture the enemy commander, the secret agent's location will appear on the map.



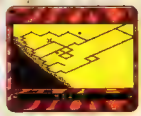

Destroy the building to reveal the bunker underneath. Mission One is complete!

A DARING RESCUE

Lt. Carlos Valdez is still missing, and it's your job to find him. Grab all of the MIAs you can find and bring them back to safety. If you succeed, Lt. Valdez will join your team.

When you find an MIA, make sure you take out the enemy soldiers quickly.

Grab the MIA with the winch and get out of the area as soon as you can.



Check out your map and look for any other MIAs. Try to grab them if you can.

When you return to the frigate, you'll get extra points for the MIAs. You'll also have the help of Lt. Valdez if you've found him.

OTHER TARGETS

There are many other targets that you can destroy throughout this campaign, and you'll find that many of them house bonus supply units. Everything is fair game in this campaign, with the exception of MIAs and a few targets in the third mission. It is a good idea to save the supplies that you find and pick them up when you need them.

When you run low on ammunition, look for the crates of ammo that are located throughout the battle area. Fuel is also available around the map.

Be careful not to shoot the fuel drums. If you do, you'll lose the fuel forever!

In later stages of the game some of the supplies won't appear on your map.

Shoot the building a few times and look for the prize inside.

THE REST OF THE WAR

This is just your first mission. You'll still need to rescue the prisoners of war and stop General Kilbaba once and for all. The enemies are much tougher in the next stages, so don't be afraid to attack aggressively with missiles. It is much easier to refill your ammunition than to rebuild your helicopter.

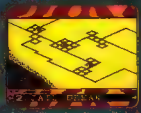
The radar signal reveals the location of the POW camp.

Things get dangerous for unwary pilots. If you don't fly carefully, you might end up an MIA yourself.

In the later stages, the enemies become tougher. Don't be afraid to use your missiles—you can always reload!

Luckily, your allies have placed landing zones conveniently throughout the area.

There will be plenty of MIAs to rescue in the next mission. Each of the jets holds nearly a full load of people to rescue.



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G. NES	1. Yes	2. No
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8. Baltz
9. Bassin's Black Bass with Hank Parker
10. Battle Tech
11. Bebois & Butt-Head
12. Biker Mice From Mars
13. Blackthorne
14. Brambles
15. Brandish
16. Break Thru
17. Breath of Fire
18. Brett Hull Hockey '95
19. Brutal: Paws of Fury
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23. Commanche
24. C2 Judgment Clay
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31. Earthworm Jim
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51. Kid Klown in Crazy Chase
52. Kirby's Dream Course
53. Knights of Justice
54. The Legend of Zelda: A Link to the Past
55. Lemmings 2
56. The Lion King
57. Looney Tunes Basketball
58. Madden NFL 95
59. Mario Andretti Racing
60. Mario Paint
61. Mega Man X
62. Mega Man X2
63. Metal Marsh
64. Metal Warriors
65. Michael Andretti's Indy Car Challenge
66. Michael Jordan: Chaos in the Windy City
67. Mickey Mania
68. Might & Magic III: Isles of Terra
69. The Mighty Morphin Power Rangers
70. Mortal Kombat
71. NBA Jam
72. NBA Jam Tournament Edition
73. NBA Live '95
74. NCAA Basketball
75. NCAA Final Four Basketball
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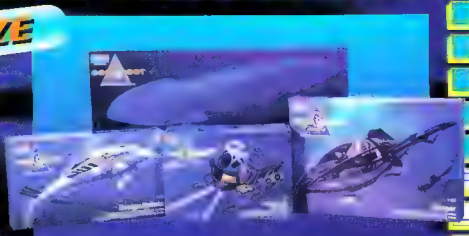

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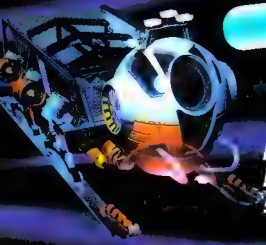

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3	MORTAL KOMBAT II	2	5
4	DISNEY'S ALADDIN	13	13
5	THE LEGEND OF ZELDA: A LINK TO THE PAST	5	37
6	SUPER METROID	4	10
7	EARTHWORM JIM	9	4
8	SUPER PUNCH-OUT!!	7	3
9	STARFOX II	NEW	1
10	MEGA MAN X	19	14
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1	DONKEY KONG	2	9
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TOP 10 SPORTS GAMES

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5	MADDEN NFL '95	SUPER NES	NOV. '94
6	NBA JAM TOURNAMENT EDITION	SUPER NES	FEB. '95
7	FIFA INTERNATIONAL SOCCER	SUPER NES	MAY '94
8	KEN GRIFFEY JR. PRESENTS MLB	SUPER NES	MAR.'94
9	TECMO SUPER BOWL II: SPECIAL EDITION	SUPER NES	JAN. '95
10	NIGEL MANSELL WORLD CHAMP RACING	SUPER NES	AUG.'93

MOST WANTED

What are the games that everyone wants to play? This month's Most Wanted comes from the pros at Nintendo, but next month we'll see what the players want to play!

1. DONKEY KONG COUNTRY (SUPER NES)
2. KILLER INSTINCT (NU 64)
3. STARFOX II (SUPER NES)
4. COMANCHE (SUPER NES)
5. DONKEY KONG LAND (SUPER GAME BOY)
6. DOOM (NU 64)
7. NBA JAM TOURNAMENT EDITION (SUPER NES)
8. SECRET OF EVERMORE (SUPER NES)
9. FX FIGHTER (SUPER NES)
10. KIRBY'S DREAM LAND 2 (SUPER GAME BOY)

HALL OF FAME

Which titles deserve a little extra recognition for a game well played? We think you'll agree that this month's titles qualify as classics.

GAME NAME	MONTHS ON THE CHARTS	HONORS
MEGA MAN	36 MONTHS	The little blue warrior has starred in six different NES games over the years, not to mention his Game Boy and Super NES roles. This is the game that started the eternal war with Dr. Wily.
SUPER MARIO WORLD	21 MONTHS	When Mario made the jump to 16 bit, Yoshi came along with him. Remember how incredible this game seemed when you first played it?
STREET FIGHTER II	19 MONTHS	Capcom thrilled fighting game fans everywhere by bringing the hot arcade classic to the Super NES. It has been often imitated but never duplicated.

NOW PLAYING

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Your Power Guide To The Latest Releases

FEBRUARY 1995

ACME ANIMATION FACTORY

Super NES

Company .....Sunsoft
Release Date.....1/95
Memory Size.....8 Megabits

Direct your own Warner Bros. Looney Tunes characters cartoon...well, sort of.

ACME Animation Factory has all the basics for a great creative tool, except the memory needed to give budding artists real variety. Ten of the most famous Looney Tunes characters are included: Taz, Daffy, Bugs, Wile E. Coyote, Tweety, Roadrunner, Pepe Lepew, Marvin the Martian and Elmer Fudd. Each character comes with one multi-frame animation sequence, and that's the problem. With only one sequence, you can create only one scene per character. The characters themselves exist as line art, ready for the animator to fill with color. The freehand drawing tools are limited, as well, allowing for the creation of backgrounds. In all fairness, you could use the freehand tools to create frames of animation, but it would be difficult. A music tool is also included. The only feature that recommends this creativity Pak over Mario Paint is the Looney Tunes characters. In all other areas, Mario Paint gives creators more tools and options.

Good Looney Tunes character animation, although limited.

Controls aren't as easy or as obvious as they should be. Limited character art. Limited tools. You really need a Super NES Mouse for precision control (and if you have the Mouse, you also have Mario Paint.)

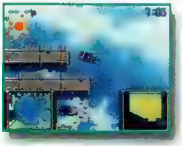
BASSIN'S BLACK BASS

Super NES

Company .....Hot-B
Release Date 12/94
Memory Size.....16 Megabits

From amateur bass events to the championship circuit, Bassin's Black Bass angles for world class bass.

Hot-B is the acknowledged champion of video fishing games, and this latest bass Pak serves up the best angling ever. Besides sporting the most realistic graphics for a fishing game, the controls are simple to grasp while closely mimicking the real experience of fishing. To see how Bassin's stacks up to the rest of the day's catch of fishing games, turn to this month's Sports Scene.



Good interface. Realistic graphics and sound. Captivating. (It may sound odd, but you don't have to be a fishing fan to have a great time with this game.)

Very slow. (You've got to be patient to play this or any fishing game.) Limited casting power and no weights to extend your cast. Few varieties of fish--and only the bass count in the tournament.

BRETT HULL HOCKEY '95

Super NES

(Simultaneous play)

Company .....Accolade
Release Date.....1/95
Memory Size.....16 Megabits

Brett's back and better. It's like broadcast hockey, but you're in control.

The new 3-D perspective adds greatly to the realism of this year's Brett Hull, and the voice-over announcing of Al Michaels may be the best in video sports. The flow and action of this hockey sim feel realistic, too. For all the stats, see the review in this month's Sports Scene.

NHLPA license and real players. Improved play control and graphics. Excellent play-by- play announcing. Coaching option allows emphasis to be switched, but there are no play strategies.

Hard to see puck at mid and long distances. Auto goalie can be slow to react to obvious scoring threats. Team AI could be better.

C2 JUDGMENT CLAY

Super NES

(Simultaneous Play)

Company .....Interplay
Release Date 1/95
Memory Size .....24 Megabits

Interplay didn't break the mold with Clay Fighter, they just twisted it.

Mean Mr. Frosty is back and bad along with a host of new characters in the third Clay Fighter game. New characters in this version include Nana the rasta banana, Octo the well-armed octopus, GooGoo the brutal baby, Hoppy the hyped up rabbit, and Kangoo the boxing kangaroo. If the play is the thing, then C2 lives up to its predecessors, Clay Fighter and Clay Fighter Tournament. If the characters are the thing, this one leaves out some of the best. C2 is covered this month in a Take 2 review.

Music and voices are exceptional. Greatly improved backgrounds and character graphics. Good play control. The eight player tournament is a good party option.

Most changes seem cosmetic. The new characters, although they have new moves, don't add appreciably to the game. We definitely miss Blue Suede Goo and Helga.

DESERT STRIKE

Game BOY

Company .....T*HQ
Release Date 2/95
Memory Size .....2 Megabits

The desert is just as hot and brutal in this Super Game Boy version of the hit military-chopper action game as it was on the Super NES.

The game that brought the Gulf War home to Super NES players has now come out for Super Game Boy. Graphically, the same 3-D overhead view as in the Super NES version has been used and with remarkable success. There are fewer missions in this smaller Pak — only three — but those that have been included are nearly identical to the original missions. For the full scoop on this game, turn to this month's review.

Good Super Game Boy graphics.

Hit detection is not good. Your missiles have less range than enemy missiles. Damage indication is poor. Some vital information is shown only on a subscreen, forcing you to stop and check it often.

ESPN NATIONAL HOCKEY NIGHT

Super NES

Company .....Sony Imagesoft
Release Date 1/95
Memory Size .....16 Megabits

The NHL may not be playing hockey this year, but you can hit the ice with ESPN Hockey Night.

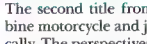
Sony Imagesoft's sports lineup continues with this hockey simulation featuring both battery backed-up memory and a multi-player option for those who have a multi-player adapter. You have two views and the NHL license. Take a longer look in this month's Sports Scene.

Nice graphics and sound. NHL license. Battery backed-up memory. Good options.

Very difficult to tell which player you control. Not easy to pick-up and play. Poor vertical view.

FULL THROTTLE RACING

Super NES



(Simultaneous play)

Company .....Cybersoft
Release Date 1/95
Memory Size .....16 Megabits

By land or sea, Full Throttle Racing has it covered with motorcycles and jet skis.

The second title from Gametek/Cybersoft to combine motorcycle and jet ski racing improves dramatically. The perspectives in this game are from the rear and use the Nigel Mansell's World Championship Racing engine, although it isn't nearly as refined in this game and has more of an

arcade feel than that of a simulation. You can race in both sports or in just one of them, and you can compete for an entire season in locations around the U.S. Sports Scene covers the double circuit this month.

- Lots of variety. Good speed. Nitro and Power-Ups along the course. Upgrade machine with winnings.
- Obstacle drivers who don't count in the position rankings. Wide hit detection results in hitting objects when you shouldn't. Not much driving strategy.

GP-1 PART II

Super NES

(Simultaneous Play)

Company .....Atlus
Release Date 1/95
Memory Size .....12 Megabits

The cycle circuit has never been this fast or cruel. GP-1 Part II is the ultimate test on two wheels.

After four grueling rounds of tryouts, you'll make it onto a racing team to begin the Grand Prix circuit. That's the main change in this updated sequel to GP-1. The graphics remain good and the play control is fine-tuned--both of which were characteristics of the first game. You can go for a test ride in this month's Sports Scene review.

- Good control and graphics. AI adjusts competition to suit your trial performance. Chance to customize bike after race.
- One mistake and you'll play catch-up from the back of the pack. 34 character password. (Give us a break!)

KIRBY'S AVALANCHE

Super NES

(Simultaneous Play)

Company .....Nintendo
Release Date 2/95
Memory Size .....8 Megabits

Kirby battles his way toward the Dream Fountain in this competitive puzzle game.

Most Tetris-type puzzle games pit you against a single field in which you must manipulate various objects. In Kirby's Avalanche, you're always playing in a two-field competition with various boss characters. Although the game seems ridiculously simple at first glance, the difficulty of creating multiple avalanches of blobs is very high. The Japanese version of this game, Super Puyo Puyo, was a big hit. Puzzle fans should turn to this month's review to learn more about Kirby's latest incarnation.

- Very challenging, but easy to learn and play. You can adjust the difficulty.
- Not much variety in type of play or graphics.

KIRBY'S DREAM COURSE

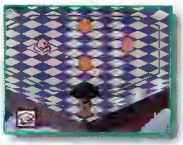
Super NES

(Simultaneous Play)

Company .....Nintendo
Release Date 2/95
Memory Size .....8 Megabits

Hit him, launch him, drop him in a hole—Kirby keeps coming back for more in this golf-like action winner.

It isn't exactly golf, pool, or pinball, but it's a little bit of all those things and more. Kirby's Dream Course requires aiming skill to launch Kirby near the hole, but there are enemies on these courses that put a new twist on the action. Check out the leader board in this month's review.



- Unique game play. Good three-quarter perspective. Challenging.
- Annoying music. Making short shots can be tough.

MEGA MAN X 2

Super NES

Company .....Capcom
Release Date 1/95
Memory Size .....12 Megabits

Mega Man X is powered up with a new chip while his enemies just have a chip on their shoulders.

Capcom souped up the latest outing for Mega Man X by adding a special DSP chip in the Game Pak. The internal chip is used for super fast math calculations that were used to create special 3-D effects and extra large sprites. The enhanced graphics are fun, and so is the game, which features all-new enemies and weapons.

- Excellent play control. Fun and challenging.
- The format is basically the same as every other Mega Man game.

NEWMAN HAAS INDY CAR RACING WITH NIGEL MANSELL

Super NES

(Simultaneous Play)

Company .....Acclaim
Release Date 12/94
Memory Size .....16 Megabits

Burn rubber on the Indy Car circuit with champion driver, Nigel Mansell.

Nigel Mansell's second licensed Super NES racer adds a two-player option, lots of customizing controls, and exceptionally smooth steering. There are several play modes, including full season, racing and practice. How does this racer compare to the rest of the field? It may not be as challenging as Michael Andretti's Challenge, but the racing seems more realistic. It's definitely a top contender. Turn to this month's Sports Scene for a more in-depth look.

Very good play control. Good graphics and sound. Good opponent AI. You're never out of the race.

Practice mode doesn't include multiple tracks. Although you can customize play controls, you can't modify your car.

NFL QUARTERBACK CLUB

Super NES

(Simultaneous Play)

Company .....Acclaim
Release Date 1/95
Memory Size .....16 Megabits

Punting, passing and kicking for video competitors.

Lead your team to victory during a full NFL season or win the honors for yourself in a special head-to-head QB skill competition. NFL QB Club gives you that and more. The game includes scenarios much like Capcom's MVP Football, plus all the traditional options for exhibition games and playoffs. This month our on-the-field reporter scouts NFL QB Club in a special Sports Scene review.

Excellent graphics and play control. Lots of play options.

No four-player option.

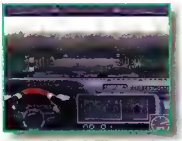
RALLY

Super NES

Company .....JVC
Release Date 12/94
Memory Size .....8 Megabits

Bun-bashing, back-road rally racing from JVC.

This month's Sports Scene turns the spotlight on several racing games including this one-way, dirt track racer. The only game that is anything like it is Super Off-road: The Baja, but the perspective here is from inside the car rather than behind the vehicle. With rough tracks and muddy windshields, the challenge factor is high for this game, but that's not the whole story. Check out the review for more details.



Practice mode. Lots of courses and conditions. A different racing experience. Challenging (although much of the challenge comes from the poor control.)

Over-steering is required. The scrolling background muddies up the view so much that it's actually easier to focus on the road at night with mud on the windshield than under regular conditions.

SEAQUEST DSV

Super NES

Company .....T*HQ
Release Date 12/94
Memory Size .....16 Megabits

The adventure beneath the waves.

SeaQuest DSV takes a similar approach to Star Trek: Starfleet Academy in that you are a cadet using a simulator to earn your place on board the real ship. SeaQuest also makes use of many missions, but the premium in this game is to meet the goal at the same time you collect money. The interface differs from its space-faring cousin, with a variety of overhead and side-scrolling views. In each, you'll control one of the submersibles in the seaQuest fleet. You can even use Darwin for sensitive missions.

Good mission-based adventure. Lots of variety. Excellent graphics and sound.

Hit detection problems, particularly in the overhead view that makes maneuvering the seaQuest difficult. Perhaps too much emphasis on using torps on baddies.

TECMO SUPER BOWL – SPECIAL EDITION

Super NES

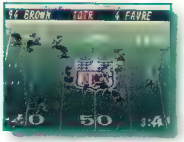
(Simultaneous Play)

Company .....Tecmo
Release Date 1/95
Memory Size .....16 Megabits

Kick off the new year with the grand-daddy of bowl games.

A few lucky Tecmo Super Bowl fans will get a treat for the new year–a limited edition TSB with some excellent improvements. With only 15,000 copies of the game in circulation, however, it will be difficult to find and chances are it won't ever be available at a discount. Some of the new features include three season schedules, player trades, quarterback audibles, twice as many plays, changeable defensive plays, improved graphics and animation, schedules that reflect past seasons' performance

and all the Tecmo Super Bowl features that have made the series so successful. For those of you who want to get to the store first, the game will be released about the time that this issue arrives in late January.



Excellent improvements in a collector's issue.

Limited supplies.

TINY TOONS: WACKY SPORTS CHALLENGE

(Simultaneous Play)

Company.....Konami
Release Date.....1/95
Memory Size.....8 Megabits

The Tiny Toon crew sets world records in weirdness.

For an athletic challenge with a difference, take a look at Tiny Toons: Whacky Sports Challenge. Buster and his cartoon friends will compete in fun events such as obstacle courses, bungee jumping, ice cream throwing and log cutting. The events also vary in their presentation. Some are side-scrolling events, but others, like the Birdman Contest, put you in a Mode 7 interface similar to Pilotwings. Once you get the hang of the controls, this is a terrific game for all levels of gamers.

Lots of variety. Good graphics and music. Four-player fun.

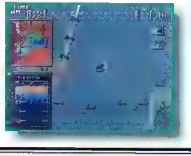
Different Controller sequences for almost every event. (Fortunately, Konami includes a Controller schematic before each event.)

TNN BASS TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

Company.....American Softworks
Release Date.....11/94
Memory Size.....12 Megabits

Big time bass fishing for profit and pleasure.

Join the series of TNN professional bass fishing tournaments and score big bucks. Your options include free fishing in six regions or entering the bass tournament of champions. In the free fishing mode, you can set the season, weather conditions and even the strength of the wind. This bass game also includes a challenge every time a fish hits your line because you have to watch the line tension and keep it from snapping, which isn't easy.



Good options. Easy casting. Challenging.

Long download period between screens. You don't see the rod while reeling except when a fish is on the line. Doesn't feel like fishing. Confusing control once a fish is on the line.

WOLVERINE: ADAMANTIUM RAGE

Company.....Acclaim
Release Date.....1/95
Memory Size.....16 Megabits

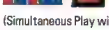
Wolverine's claws of justice only scratch the surface in this action feast.

The X-Men's Wolverine may be one of the most unlikely super heroes, but there's no doubting the tortured character's popularity. In this game, Wolverine is lured to a laboratory where he hopes to find a cure for his lycanthropy. All he finds is pain. With lots of moves and daunting enemies, Wolverine is in for the fight of his life. Don't miss this month's review.

Good graphics. Character data library. Lots of special moves and attacks.

Some moves can be difficult to control. Overall Play Control should be tighter, but adapting to this weakness may be worth the effort.

WWF RAW



Company.....Acclaim
Release Date.....1/95
Memory Size.....24 Megabits

(Simultaneous Play with Multi-player adapter)

The WWF returns with beefed up memory, graphics and sound that put you in the ring.

The WWF Raw lineup includes the biggest names in professional wrestling in a sound and sight extravaganza. The action slams around the ring, onto the ropes and outside. There are 10 levels of difficulty and more match modes than previous WWF titles, including One-on-One, Tag Team, Survivor Series, Royal Rumble, Bedlam, and Raw Endurance. There's even a Rematch option. The mechanics of the game will be pretty familiar to fans of the earlier WWF games, but the sound is vastly superior. The digitized screens that set up each match have also been improved.

Current stars and great play options including a four-player option if you have a multi- player adapter plugged in.

Most of the changes, other than the play options, are just cosmetic. The wrestlers look about the same in the ring as in previous WWF games.

WCW SUPER BRAWL

SUPER NES

(Simultaneous Play)

Company.....FCI
Release Date.....12/94
Memory Size.....12 Megabits

They're big, they're bad, and they've got enough attitude to fill a stadium—they're the WCW champs!

The world of wrestling is getting crowded with both WCW and WWF titles being released. Wrestling fans will appreciate the differences between the wrestlers, but video game fans may find it less easy to distinguish the game play. For a full comparison between the games, turn to this month's Sports Scene.

WCW favorites. Good sound. Characters are larger than those in WWF

Play control is a matter of speed and proximity, but it often feels random.

HEAD TO HEAD

TITLE	POWER METER RATINGS G	P	C	T	EDITOR PICKS	IDSA RATING	GAME TYPE
ACME ANIMATION FACTORY	3.2	3.1	3.3	3.6		NR	CREATIVITY
BASSIN'S BLACK BASS	3.0	2.7	3.3	3.4	★,✪	NR	FISHING
BRETT HULL HOCKEY '95	3.4	2.8	3.3	2.9		NR	HOCKEY
C2 JUDGMENT CLAY	3.8	3.3	3.1	3.0	✯	NR	FIGHTING
DESERT STRIKE	3.2	2.9	3.4	3.1		K-A	SIM.ACTION
ESPN NATIONAL HOCKEY NIGHT	3.0	2.8	3.0	3.1		NR	HOCKEY
FULL THROTTLE RACING	3.1	2.9	2.8	2.9		NR	RACING
GP-1 PART 2	3.1	3.2	3.0	3.2		K-A	RACING
KIRBY'S AVALANCHE	3.3	3.7	3.4	3.3	✳	K-A	PUZZLE
KIRBY'S DREAM COURSE	3.2	3.3	3.6	3.7	★,✪,✯,✳	K-A	ACTION
MEGA MAN X 2	3.8	3.9	3.6	3.3	★,☆,✪,✯,✳	K-A	ACTION
NEWMAN HAAS INDY MANSELL	3.4	3.3	3.7	3.3	★, ☆	NR	RACING
NFL QUARTERBACK CLUB	3.6	3.3	3.5	3.5	✪	K-A	FOOTBALL
RALLY	2.9	2.8	2.5	2.9		NR	RACING
SEAQUEST DSV	3.3	2.9	3.3	3.2	✯	NR	ADVENTURE
TECMO SUPER BOWL—SPECIAL	3.3	3.3	3.6	3.3		K-A	FOOTBALL
TINY TOONS: WACKY SPORTS	3.3	2.8	2.7	3.2		NR	ACTION
TNN BASS TOURNAMENT	3.1	2.9	3.1	3.2		NR	FISHING
WOLVERINE: ADAMANTIUM	3.5	2.9	3.3	3.1		K-A	ACTION
WCW SUPER BRAWL	3.1	2.8	2.8	2.9		NR	WRESTLING
WWF RAW	3.1	2.7	2.9	2.9		K-A	WRESTLING

Editors If you like the same types of games as one of our Power editors, then check for his or her seal of approval above.

✪ **Scott**....Sports, Simulations, Adventures
★ **Leslie**....RPGs, Puzzles, Adventures
☆ **Jeff**.....Action, Sports, Fighting
✯ **Jon**.....Fighting, Simulations, RPGs
✳ **Dan**.....Action, Adventures, Puzzles

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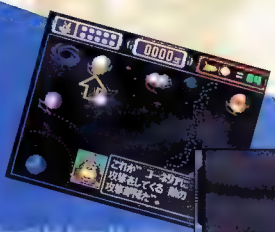
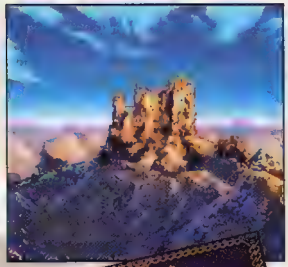


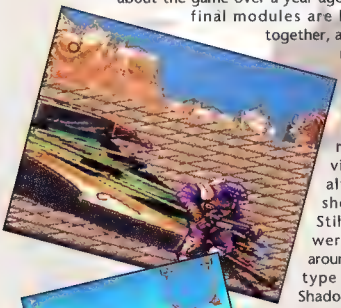
PAK WATCH EXCLUSIVE FIRST LOOK

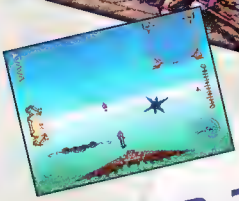
STAR FOX II

FIRETEAM ROGUE



Where were you 70 million years ago? If you were in this spiral arm of the galaxy, you would have been in the thick of a galactic struggle between a band of adventurers and the Dark Lord of Umbra. Accolade's science-fiction/fantasy adventure may have one of the most imaginative video game stories ever developed. John Skeel and his team at Accolade have incorporated classic themes from the worlds of sci-fi and fantasy, but the result is something new and captivating. The technology in the story is so advanced that it almost seems to be in the realm of magic. Pak Watch readers first heard about the game over a year ago. Now, the final modules are being put together, and we have received a playable (though not finished version) to whet our appetites. In the version we received, the flying view had been installed although the final game should be more detailed. Still, the soaring and fighting were fun. Even more fun was wandering around down on the planets with Chance (a human-type hero,) Aja Dae (an elfin-type female warrior,) Shadowblade (a cat-like ninja) and Broc (a dinosaur). The worlds have many corridors, rooms and passages and there are tons of objects and messages to find and use.

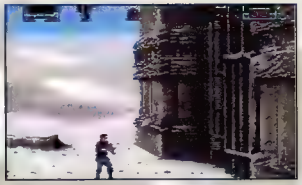




ACCOLADE

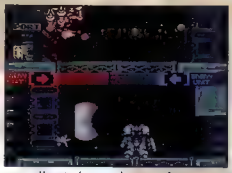
INTO THE STARGATE

Borrowing heavily from the StarWars school of game design, Acclaim and the developers at Probe have put together an action-packed adventure based on last fall's hit sci-fi thriller. Stargate features excellent graphics and sound in settings taken from the film. The interface may also remind players of Alien³, another collaboration between Acclaim and Probe. The combination seems to work. The action in Stargate includes standard side-scrolling shooting, but you'll also find puzzles, people to talk to, Prince of Persia type animation for climbing and 3-D elements that open up into unexpected new passages. Although the version we saw was unfinished and needed a lot of cleaning up, it was clear that this will be a winner and possibly one of the best games of the frst half of '95.



METAL WARRIORS

This announcement has been a long time in the making, but finally we can report that a new game designed by Lucasarts (that we first saw in development over a year ago) will be released soon. The game, Metal Warriors, will be published by Konami. It looks something like Konami's Cybernator from several years ago, but Metal Warriors—a game of robotic battles and adventure—goes much further. You play as the operator of a giant combat droid. (Lucasarts orginally dubbed the game Battle Droids.) Inside the cockpit, you'll maneuver the droid through battle areas on a given mission, but you can also jump outside. In fact, you can even climb into new droids that you find along the way. The graphics and play control are both excellent, but what makes this game particularly cool is a two-player mode that allows you and a friend to crawl into your droids and stalk each other through split-screen mazes.



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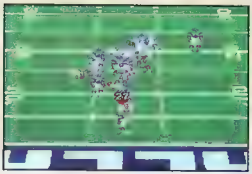

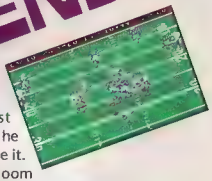

JALECO

Sterling Sharpe may be one of the best receivers in the NFL these days, and now he has a video game named after him to prove it. Jaleco's football sim includes a unique zoom mode that closes in on the receiver once the QB has tossed the ball. The idea is that you can control the receiver better to avoid defensive backs. That was certainly one of the most interesting features of this game, along with the full use of the Super NES Controller's buttons. Left and Right and the four X, Y, A, B Buttons are all used in calling plays, audibles and passes. It's a little confusing, to be honest, so imagine the confusion when you plug in your multi-player adapter and have five players pushing every button in sight. This could be more difficult than actually suiting up with the Packers.

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BEHIND THE SCENE

[illegible] Earthbound, Nintendo's upcoming RPG, will be an extremely difficult game to translate. At Nintendo of America, the job falls to Dan Owen who receives translations in rough English then rewrites them to add an American flavor along with humor that we all appreciate. You knew Dan's work from [illegible] The Legend of Zelda—A Link To The Past and The Legend of Zelda—Link's Awakening. He [illegible] project should be a little different. "Earthbound has some science fiction elements that I think might make it more appealing to a U.S. audience," says Dan. "And I do mean SCI Fi. Some of the characters and situations in Earthbound are straight out of a B movie. It's like the Navajo squirrel come to life" In many RPG translations, the text seems to be little more than a means of alerting you, like a roadsign—and the Janglish (Japanese/English combo) can be awful. But Dan works hard to add to the character of the game, including elements like Crazy Fancy in Link's Awakening. "There are some things that are very funny in Japanese that just can't be translated into English," Dan explains. "So in those cases, I have to come up with something humorous on my own." Dan adds that the biggest challenge is trying to keep the original meaning and spirit of the text. "I have to communicate with the designers and ask tons of questions. Sometimes, I come across something that I think might be a joke, but it is not intended to be funny at all. Other times, there are humorous situations that totally get lost in translation. "What is Pak [illegible] the memorable phrase? "The characters, places and events are totally fictional."

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NCAA FINAL FOUR BASKETBALL

MINDSCAPE

Rendered animation makes the players of NCAA Final Four Basketball come to life. The number of animation sequences and the smoothness of the animation frame-by-frame would be impressive enough even if it weren't also fast enough to simulate real speeds on the court. This game succeeds at that, as well. Screen shots don't do it justice. You have to see it in motion. You'll also have to have awesome concentration in order to keep track of which player you control, because unlike every other sports game in history, Mindscape left out the identifier patch, which identifies the player you control. On the other hand, it included a practice mode that gives you a chance to master all the intricate moves. Once they become second nature, the controls are less of an issue. The game was programmed by Bitmasters with SGI workstations, and the quality really shows. NCAA Final Four should be released soon. You can also look in the next Sports Scene for more details.

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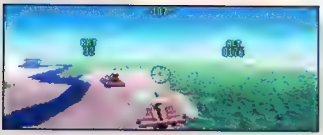
TOP GUN

Spectrum Holobyte has announced the development of an exclusive title for the Nintendo Ultra 64 based on the hit movie, *Top Gun*. Spectrum, already known for its Falcon series of flight sims in the PC and Mac game worlds, will begin work immediately on the Top Gun NU 64 title. Earlier, Spectrum had announced the development of a Top Gun game for several platforms, but the Nintendo Ultra 64 game will not be available on any other video game system.

NAPALM IN THE MORNING

One or two players can now strap themselves into attack helicopters and go to war in the skies thanks to **Cybersoft**'s *Air Cavalry*. Your Pak Pilots piloted their Defenders and Apache choppers in three theaters of combat: the Middle East, Central America and Indonesia. Mode 7 scrolling landscapes added realism to the scene, along with the texture mapped enemy ground targets that included tanks, trucks, ships, and anti-aircraft missiles.

The digitized sound includes voice and music. Fittingly, Synergistic, the developers of the game, put in Ride of the Valkyries, the Wagnerian theme made famous in the chopper beach bash scene from Apocalypse Now. There's also a two-player cooperative mode so you can frag the enemy with a friend. So, what's missing? Only 3-D terrain. For that you'll have to wait for the release of Comanche this spring.



BURN BABY

Jaleco's *Ignition Factor* asks the question, "Are you tough enough to face flaming walls, collapsing ceilings and helpless victims all with a hundred-pound tank of chemical fire retardant strapped to your back?" The surprising answer is that this "sim fire" game is actually a blast. Your Pak Watch fire team snuffed out every sort of fire, including electrical and chemical blazes, while rescuing victims who were sometimes hysterical. In the first factory, we took too much smoke and tried to rescue some mannequins. The situations are realistic and the overhead-view interface will be familiar to gamers. The combination results in fun and danger.

THE WITCHING HOUR

Action and sorcery come together in *Warlock*, from **Acclaim**. Based on the movie of the same name, this game gives you magical powers to use against the evil Warlock. Warping through time portals, you'll have to collect magical stones in different eras. Good animation and graphics impressed this Pak Watcher, but the game seemed pretty basic with its side-scrolling format. Acclaim has done a better job with this movie title than some companies have done with other titles. There's enough challenge to keep you at it for an evening or two, and if it takes longer, there's a password feature.

MORE BREAKING NEWS

Pak Watch has learned from **Konami** that the popular Japanese PC Engine game, *Dracula X*, will become a Super NES game, tentatively scheduled for release next summer or fall. The game will be the first in the Castlevania vein since Castlevania IV was introduced four years ago. With Konami's excellent development record, this could be one of the best games of the year. We hope to have a first look next month.

From **T*HQ** comes word that the *Akira* Super NES project has been delayed and modified. The delay will mean that the Akira game won't be released until either the end of the year or '96, and the modification is that it won't be for the Super NES. Instead, T*HQ hopes to make this its first Nintendo Ultra 64 title. We'll keep you posted.

More news from **GameTek** includes the acquisition of **Take 2**, a developer that could have written a column in NP. This company has some of the hottest talent currently working in the multimedia industry. Two of its heralded titles include *Hell* and *Star Crusader*. One of the projects that Take 2 will work on reportedly is the strategic stellar conquest game from Microprose, *Masters of Orion*. The Take 2 team joins GameTek's Alternative Reality Technologies (ART) development group along with another new group of developers from **Malibu Comics**. That group will set up a West Coast office where the concentration will be on sports titles.

Other titles to keep a watch for include **Acclaim**'s newest arachnid adventure, *Spider-Man: The Animated Series*. *True Lies* also just showed up at the Pak Watch desk. We'll bring you more on both games next time around. **Hudson Soft**'s *Hagane* is finally on the way, and it looks like a gamer's action feast. **Capcom** has *Captain Commando* ready to roll soon, too. This game's title may conjure up images of the excellent *Bionic Commando*, but it turns out that it's more of a side-scrolling fighter—too bad. *Jungle Strike* should be showing up any day now for both the Super NES and Super Game Boy. The European version has already come through, and it looks wild. Speaking of transplanted Europeans, **Virgin Interactive** has already produced versions of *The Lion King* and *Aladdin* for Game Boy for release across the Atlantic. Now, Virgin tells us that these same titles are scheduled for release this year in the States. It seems a little backwards, but as long as we get the goods, who are we to complain?

RELEASE FORECAST

Super NES

Addams Family Values	Spring '96
Air Cavalry	Spring '95
Ardy Lightfoot	Winter '95
Baseball Simulator 1.000 2	Winter '95
Boogerman	Spring '95
Brandish	Winter '95
Civilization	Spring '96
Comanche	Summer '95
Deep Space Nine	Spring '96
EarthBound	Winter '95
End 2 End	Spring '95
FireTeam Rogue	Spring '95
Future Zone	Summer '95
The Ignition Factor	Winter '95
The Itchy & Scratchy Show	Winter '95
Jurassic Park 2	Winter '95
Justice League	Spring '95
Knights of Justice	Spring '95
Metal Warriors	Spring '95
NCAA Final Four Basketball	Winter '95
OgreBattle	Winter '95
Power Instinct	Winter '95
Rapjam Vol. 1	Winter '95
Rise of the Phoenix	Winter '95
Rise of the Robots	Winter '95
RoboTrek	Winter '95
Spider-Man: The Animated Series	Spring '95
StarFox II	Summer '95
Star Gate	Winter '95
Warlock	Winter '95
Wolverine	Winter '95

Game Boy

Aladdin	Summer '95
Donkey Kong Land	Spring '95
FIFA Soccer	Winter '95
Kirby 2	Summer '95
The Lion King	Summer '95
Monster Truck Rally	Winter '95
Pac Attack	Winter '95
Pac in Time	Winter '95
WWF Raw	Winter '95

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NBA Jam changed the face of sports games forever, and now things are going to change again. NBA Jam Tournament Edition brings you new players and moves, as well as a pile of great codes!

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SPEEDY GONZALEZ: LOS GATOS BANDITOS

METAL WARRIOR

EPIC CENTER

We unveil our new section of the magazine next month. Join us in the Epic Center for the hottest news and playing tips for all of the top Role Playing Games. In its debut, the Epic Center unveils Nintendo's latest RPG, Earthbound! If you're an RPG fan, don't miss this issue.

WINTER CES REPORT

All of the important players in the video game business are heading to Las Vegas for the Winter CES show. Catch all of the big news in next month's feature article. We didn't miss the show--now you won't need to either!

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